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Have Highlands East Feral Cats Finally Found a Home?

Liz Danielsen
Staff Reporter

Highlands East continues to struggle with finding a suitable solution to their feral cat problems. Now that the Faraday Animal Shelter is no longer accepting cats, the issue has become more urgent, and the Council is finally giving more serious consideration to establishing a cat colony; that is, with a little bit of help from a very cat friendly resident. While the problem seems to be less, complaints continue to be heard from time to time.

During their meeting earlier this month, Council once again considered a proposal for animal care by Beech Tree Farm in Gelert, but the consensus seemed to be that the costs were too high. When CAO Sharon Stoughton-Craig commented that the individual prices

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Bud Friesman and friends

NO... they are not really her eyes..

Teacher Liz Bloomfield is blind-folded for a lively game of musical pillows during Archie Stouffer's Day of Thanks.



Algonquin Highlands to Hire a Fire Services Training Officer

Liz Danielsen
Staff Reporter

Algonquin Highlands will be adding a Fire Services Training Officer to their complement of officers within the fire department. As the result of discussions held in a closed session at the end of their regular meeting last week, the Council passed a resolution agreeing to establish the new position.

"We knew this request was coming," Reeve Eleanor Harrison told the Voice, adding that a comprehensive training program was one of the recommendations coming out of the municipality's draft Fire Master Plan.

"We're a growing municipality that has three fire departments," she said. "There are a lot of legislative requirements associated with the fire department and it is hard for our Fire Chief to stay on top of it all, without some assistance.

Fire Chief John Hogg was very pleased with Council's decision. He said, "We'll be developing amalgamated department training plans and guidelines to coordinate the delivery of training programs across the three districts

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A Wild Day of Thanks at Archie Stouffer

Last Thursday was a busy day at ASES in Minden. In a morning assembly, Diane Peacock, organizer of Minden's Terry Fox run was in attendance to congratulate students on their fundraising efforts, and give special recognition to those students who accumulated the greatest sponsorship totals. The top fund-raiser in each class was given a certificate of appreciation, while Quintin Beaver, Caitlin Peacock and Alex Litwin received special awards of recognition for being the top school fundraisers in their respective divisions. Since

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Day of Kindness Across Haliburton County Schools

Zoe Cittern

Staff Reporter

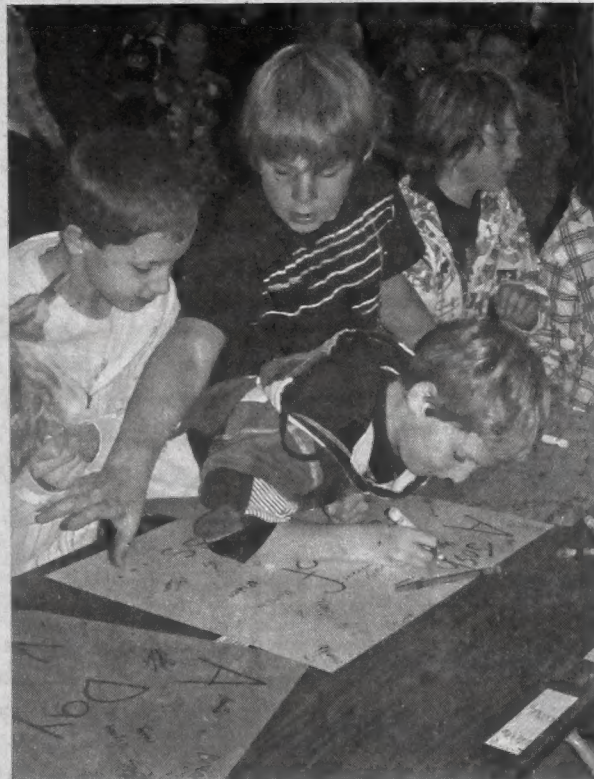
Bullying has always been an issue for school children, teachers and parents but recently steps have been drafted by The Trillium Lakelands District School Board to implement changes to protect children. The week beginning November 16th was named 'Week of Kindness' and Thursday, November 19th students and teachers came together to recognise it as a 'Day of Kindness.' At J.D. Hodgson Elementary School in Haliburton students were encouraged by Grade Seven Teacher Laurie Bowker, at a morning assembly, to use the day as not only a single day of being kind and gratuitous to others but to continue the spirit and "be kind everyday to each other." She also added that "when you are kind you make a difference to someone, simple random acts of kindness like saying 'Good Morning' or holding a door open are all beneficial."

Children were given a 'paw' each and inside they placed a note which they had earlier written a kind thought on it. 'Paws' were collected and redistributed to the students to read the note they had received. They then signed a commitment poster reading 'Day of Kindness.' It was the first year that the 'Day of Kindness' had been introduced and the students seemed to thoroughly enjoy the event. Grades Six and Seven students stated that it "was really cool, it's nice to be friendly you can express your feelings better when your kind and we enjoy helping people out." Mrs. Bowker and Vice Principal Gordon Wood had the idea to hand out the positive notes with the paws. Mr. Wood explained that the school will continue their kindness campaign, "we'll

talk about it in classes later on in the day, everyone will write down what their comments are and then later on in the week we'll do announcements of the comments. As we have French immersion students here some notes were in both languages, it was another way for the French and English students to interact together." One student later exclaimed that his comment was in French but his friend read it to him. Wood added that the school "will continue the kindness initiative throughout the year as well as conducting activities with the student council."

Safe Schools Superintendent Kevin Cutler commented that by the end of the week, "the goal is to ensure that all stakeholders are aware of what they need to do when incidents of bullying occur. We hope that by focusing on these issues during our 'Week of Kindness', we will help develop skills and knowledge in students that they can use every day."

The initiative seemed to help spark discussions about community kindness and anti-bullying something we can all learn from whether we're a child or an adult. ■



Top Right- the commitment posters, signed by all the students

Above - grade 7 students, from left to right - Jordan Rowden, Jessica Mazara, Matthew Riley, Raymond Bunn, Spencer Devolin, Erin Davis

Right:- two students from grade six who had just received their 'paws'



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MONDAY

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▲ 12° ▼ 3°

TUESDAY

Windy with rain changing to snow late
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WEDNESDAY

Windy and cold with snow showers
▲ 0° ▼ -7°

AROUND THE REGION: An upper-level disturbance will produce a chance of rain and snow on Thursday. Highs will be in the lower single digits. Snow showers will be likely on Friday. Highs will be in the lower single digits. Warmer weather is likely over the weekend with sunshine on Saturday and more clouds than sun on Sunday. Highs will be in the upper single digits and low 10s.

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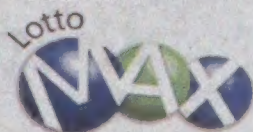


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Acapulco	31/24/pc	32/24/pc	31/26/cl	Montego Bay	30/24/ts	32/27/pc	32/27/su
Antigua	31/26/ts	31/26/pc	31/26/su	Nassau	28/22/ts	31/28/su	31/28/sh
Barbados	31/26/pc	31/27/pc	31/27/ra	Port au Prince	31/24/pc	33/26/pc	33/26/cl
Bermuda	23/18/cl	31/26/ra	31/26/sh	Puerto Vallarta	30/23/pc	29/23/sh	29/23/na
Cancun	28/19/ts	27/18/pc	32/26/na	St Thomas	30/26/pc	29/24/pc	29/24/pc
Curacao	32/26/pc	32/26/pc	31/24/ts	St. Maarten	31/25/ts	31/27/pc	31/27/su
Freeport	27/21/cl	33/28/su	33/28/su	San Jose, CR	29/21/ts	31/21/ts	31/21/ra
Georgetown	31/26/ts	32/25/ts	31/23/ts	San Juan	30/25/su	30/23/pc	29/23/su
Havana	28/21/ts	34/24/pc	34/24/su	San Salvador	31/22/pc	32/22/pc	32/22/su
Key West	26/20/pc	23/18/su	23/19/su	Santo Domingo	31/25/pc	33/26/pc	33/26/su
Kingston	30/24/ts	33/32/pc	33/32/su	Trinidad	32/27/ts	32/26/pc	32/27/ra

REGIONAL CITIES

City	Today Hi/Low/Otk	Friday Hi/Low/Otk	Saturday Hi/Low/Otk	Sunday Hi/Low/Otk	Monday Hi/Low/Otk	Tuesday Hi/Low/Otk	Wednesday Hi/Low/Otk
Bancroft	2/-4/mx	1/-6/sn	9/2/su	12/2/pc	12/3/sh	8/-3/mx	0/-7/sn
Barrie	3/-4/mx	2/-5/sn	9/2/su	12/3/cl	12/4/sh	8/-3/mx	1/-6/sn
Dorset	2/-4/mx	1/-6/sn	9/2/su	12/2/cl	12/3/sh	7/-3/mx	0/-7/sn
Haliburton	2/-4/mx	1/-6/sn	9/2/su	12/2/cl	12/3/sh	7/-3/mx	0/-7/sn
Huntsville	2/-4/mx	1/-6/sn	9/2/su	12/2/cl	12/3/sh	7/-3/mx	0/-7/sn
Kingston	3/-4/mx	2/-4/sn	11/4/su	13/4/pc	13/4/sh	9/0/ra	2/-4/sn
Lindsay	3/-4/mx	2/-5/sn	9/3/su	12/3/cl	12/4/sh	8/-3/mx	1/-6/sn
Minden	2/-4/mx	1/-6/sn	9/2/su	12/2/cl	12/3/sh	7/-3/mx	0/-7/sn
Oshawa	3/-4/mx	2/-4/sn	11/4/su	13/4/cl	13/4/sh	9/-1/mx	2/-4/sn
Ottawa	4/-3/cl	4/-1/mx	9/2/pc	12/3/pc	12/3/sh	12/2/ra	1/-6/sn
Toronto	3/-4/mx	3/-3/sn	11/4/su	13/4/cl	13/6/sh	9/-1/mx	2/-4/sn

NATIONAL CITIES

City	Today Hi/Low/Otk	Friday Hi/Low/Otk	Saturday Hi/Low/Otk	Sunday Hi/Low/Otk	Monday Hi/Low/Otk	Tuesday Hi/Low/Otk	Wednesday Hi/Low/Otk
Calgary	9/-3/cl	1/-7/cl	1/-1/pc	8/-1/sh	8/-1/sh	10/0/pc	11/1/pc
Edmonton	8/1/cl	-1/-5/cl	-1/-5/sn	-1/-5/sn	-1/-5/sn	0/-4/cl	2/-4/pc
Fredericton	6/-3/pc	6/1/sh	9/3/cl	9/3/cl	9/3/cl	11/4/cl	11/8/ra
Halifax	10/-1/pc	9/4/sh	9/4/sh	9/4/sh	9/4/sh	11/4/pc	11/3/ra
Montreal	5/-3/cl	4/-1/mx	9/2/cl	10/3/pc	12/3/sh	13/3/ra	3/-4/sn
Regina	9/-3/pc	6/-1/cl	9/2/cl	7/-4/cl	9/2/cl	9/1/cl	9/0/cl
St. John's	9/1/su	11/4/sh	11/2/cl	11/2/cl	11/2/cl	13/4/pc	13/3/ra
Saskatoon	7/-4/cl	3/-5/sn	3/-4/cl	3/-4/cl	3/-4/sn	3/-3/sn	3/-3/cl
Vancouver	8/3/ra	6/2/sh	7/1/mx	12/7/sh	12/7/sh	13/7/su	13/8/su
Whitehorse	-2/-9/sf	-5/-11/cl	-6/-9/sn	-6/-9/sn	-6/-9/sn	-4/-9/sn	-5/-10/sn
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Wednesday 11/18	NA	NA	NA
Tuesday 11/17	NA	NA	NA

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Sat. 11/28	7:29 a.m./4:35 p.m.	2:01 p.m./3:17 a.m.
Sun. 11/29	7:30 a.m./4:35 p.m.	2:28 p.m./4:28 a.m.
Mon. 11/30	7:31 a.m./4:34 p.m.	3:02 p.m./5:43 a.m.
Tues. 12/1	7:32 a.m./4:34 p.m.	3:46 p.m./6:58 a.m.
Wed. 12/2	7:34 a.m./4:33 p.m.	4:43 p.m./8:09 a.m.

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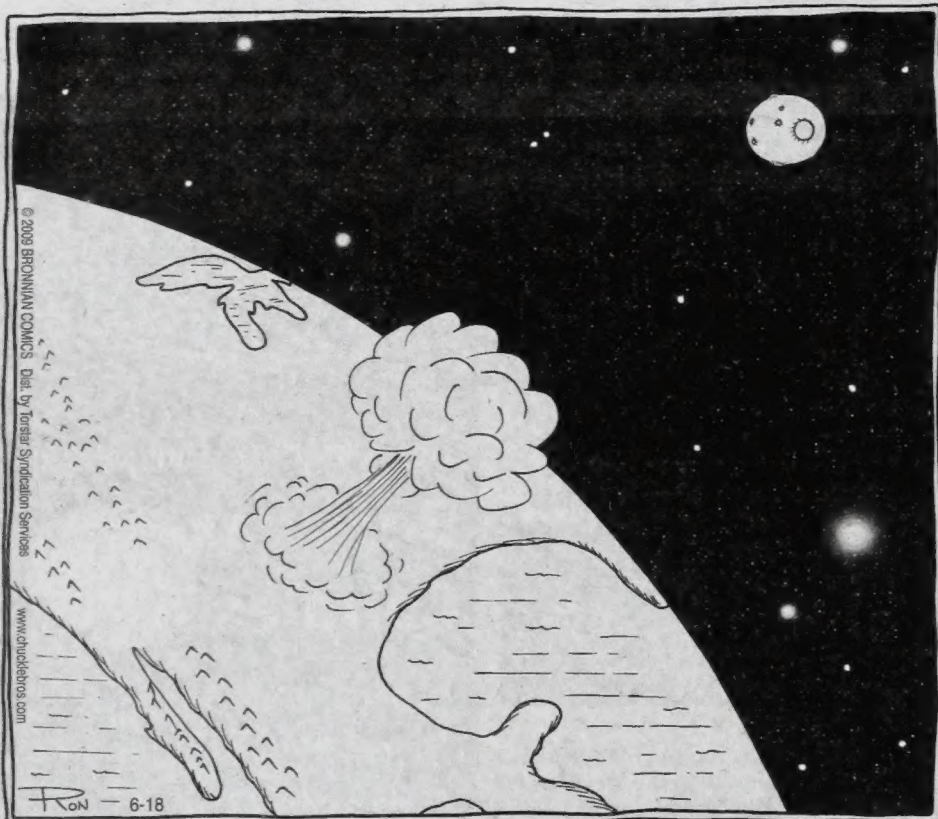
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Letter of the Week

Dear Editor:

"Rabies Clinics in Ontario: Some Facts you Should Know"

I would like to thank Dr. Carol Sanio for raising some important issues regarding Rabies clinics in Ontario in her article in the County voice, October 29th, 2009. Educating the public regarding such an important and potentially fatal zoonotic disease (meaning a disease that is passed from animals to humans) is a very positive initiative and worthy of discussion.

Having personally been exposed (literally "first hand") to positive cases of Rabies, I am well aware of the dangers posed by this deadly virus in Ontario. It is thanks to past Rabies vaccinations and the Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) using oral Rabies vaccine in bait to immunize wildlife that the number of Rabies cases has declined over the past decade. There are also fewer confirmed positive cases of Rabies today because there are fewer brains being tested than there were in the past. Wild animals found dead are no longer routinely tested for Rabies due to financial constraints, according to the Canadian Food Inspection Agency) unless there has been some concern re potential pet/human contact.

Here are some facts worth knowing:

Rabies vaccinations for dogs and cats are THE LAW in Ontario.

Even indoor cats and dogs require a Rabies vaccination, as bats are now the number one carrier of this virus. (NOTE: there are several indoor cats in the Peterborough area presently in quarantine for six months, as they caught and killed a bat that tested for rabies inside a house. It is fortunate that the owner found the dead bat and submitted it; otherwise more people could have been at risk. Imagine if the cats had left the dead bat in the basement where it might have gone undiscovered and untested. This type of scenario likely occurs more often than we know.)

Some Rabies vaccines only protect for one year, while others protect for up to three years (but only after getting this particular three-year vaccine twice, a year apart.) Different veterinary clinics use different vaccines and it is the owner's responsibility to ask a veterinarian which vaccine, if any, their animal requires.

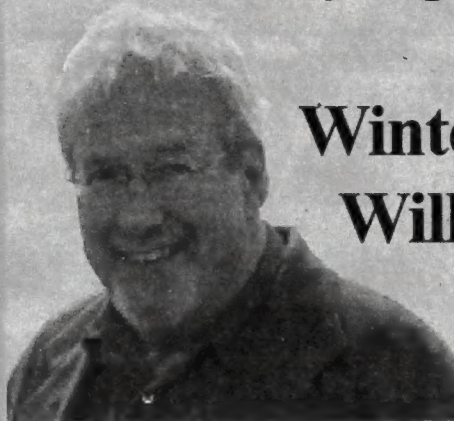
In 2008, because one farm dog near Woodstock, Ontario did not receive a Rabies vaccination, she died of Rabies, a month after giving birth. Several of her pups also died of Rabies, and ultimately nearly 400 people required post-exposure immunization! This left the province with a shortage of Rabies vaccine for humans, resulting in some high-risk groups (for example, animal health technologists, veterinarians, animal shelter workers) not being able to receive their booster vaccinations.

Last month a calf in the Brockville area tested positive for Rabies (Bat type) and approximately two months ago a fox in the Kawartha Lakes district also tested positive

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Editorial VIEWPOINT

By Stephen Patrick



Winter Forecast – Will We Pay for Today?

This November has by all accounts been as mild and pleasant as any most of us can remember. I do recall a crazy-mild

December in 1981 where by the 15th there was still no snow in the bush: confused skunks wandered around looking for grubs in plus 15 C temperatures; white hares darted about wondering what kind of joke was making them look like tempting snow drops on an unbroken brown and black landscape. And 1992 saw a cold and snowy November followed by a super mild December – until a bitter cold front descended between Christmas and New Years, finally freezing the swamps and shallow lakes for the season. But this November just keeps on pretending it's October one day, and almost September another.

We'll no doubt pay for all this soon, with our customary blowing winds, sleet, snow, and frigid temperatures. And if so that change will be more than welcomed by the County's children, the sledders, snowboarders, cross country skiers, skaters, and all those who revel in Haliburton's dramatic and life-affirming changes of season. Snowbirds? We'll miss you, but many of us won't miss for a minute the humid Floridian suns or the baking Caribbean beaches – at least that's our story, and we're sticking with it until at least the third week of February. And the cruel winds of early April? Don't ask – just get me out of here.

But the weather has a more serious side, which lies in its ability to affect so much of the County's winter economy. Some local businesses are complaining that the mild weather has already put a damper on the Christmas season because a trip to the consumer flesh-pot malls of our neighbouring larger centres incurs no winter driving hazards. And pre-Christmas sales in those same centres have already started.

There's scarcely any business in the County that doesn't rely on a good, cold snowy winter and a buoyant Christmas season to get through to the summer. The ripple effects of a good season on snowmobile trails, at Sir Sams, and on the Nordic ski loops are felt by everyone. Specific figures are hard to find, but surely most Haliburton cottages are now at least three-season affairs, if not four: but a rainy January weekend on a slushy lake doesn't hold a lot of appeal.

After a year of recession, and with an uncertain economic outlook for 2010 and beyond, Haliburton's businesses will be holding their collective breaths for that life-giving snow and wind. With the temporary closure of the Wigamog Inn, and the retooling, to say the least, of the Watercolours project, that uncertain future is to some degree our present reality. So blow, winds, blow, and crack those cheeks! Now!

The Harmonized Sales Tax – Is any Protest Going to Work?

This week Ontario Opposition Leader Tim Hudak's Conservatives walked out en masse during Question Period at Queen's Park to protest the government's refusal to open up public hearings on the proposed Harmonized Sales Tax (HST) due to arrive July 1st, 2010. Last week in this space we encouraged our local MPP, Rick Johnson, to champion our local builders' coherent and forceful objections to the HST with his cabinet colleagues and caucus. Mr. Johnson's office phoned to say that in fact he had lobbied successfully already for some changes in the tax – notably the exemption for new homes priced \$400,000 and under. And he promised to continue to meet again early in the New Year with those same contractors to discuss once again the HST, the underground economy, and how the government proposes to deal with those issues.

We look forward to being a fly on the wall for that meeting, for sure. No one doubts Rick Johnson's sincerity, or his intentions: but does anyone really believe that his government can be flexible enough to entertain any major changes to this showcase legislation? ■

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A Home for Feral Cats Cont'd...

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for service were likely set to offset the costs of meeting Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food, and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA) specifications for construction of a shelter, Deputy Reeve Jim Mackie commented, "You could put a dog up at the Hilton for that cost."

Mackie was in favour of finding a suitable location to build a shelter, approaching local resident Bud Friesman to see if he would be interested in caring for the animals and giving it a six month trial. And it appears that Friesman is more than willing to give it a try.

Friesman has long been a champion of feral cats in Wilberforce and has shown a willingness to work with the municipality a number of times in the past. However, the municipality has been reluctant to this point to accept the cost of spaying and neutering the animals, a practice that is recommended when maintaining a feral cat colony.

Councillor Suzanne Partridge commented that Council must determine a location that would meet their needs and be convenient for Friesman to travel to. Discussions by Council seemed to lean towards developing the shelter at the Tory Hill landfill site. Stoughton-Craig commented that she could suggest other locations, but that it would be better (for both the public and the cats) to have the shelter in a protected and secluded location.

By-law Enforcement Officer Terry Graham presented Council with diagrams for construction of a heated shelter, with water storage, that he estimated would cost approximately \$6,000. The cat colony shelter is designed in such a way that it could be easily cleaned and allow the animals to roam free.

Graham's proposal also provided details on the associated vet costs, and was based on the premise that volunteer colony caretakers, presumable Friesman, would supply food, litter and bedding, while the municipality picked up the remaining costs.

Going back to the Gelert based shelter, Stoughton-Craig commented again that the proposal was expensive and she was 'leery about jumping from the frying pan into the fire.' She said, "We have an agreement with the (Faraday) pound for dogs and only dealt with six dogs last year."

After a general discussion about the details of the shelter and its location, it was agreed that Stoughton-Craig should approach Friesman.

When the Voice contacted Friesman, he confirmed that he had held discussions with both Mackie and Councillor Stoughton, but no formal meeting had been set to discuss the details of the proposal.

Friesman was concerned about recent reports suggesting that he would have to assume responsibility for the cost of spaying and neutering the animals, which is not the case. He said, "If they put up a shelter and pay to have the cats neutered, I would look after the cats and the shelter and provide food. I would also trap cats and take them to the vets with the understanding that they would be returned to the colony when finished."

But Friesman also said, "There is no point if I have to pay for neutering. If that's the case, the cats can stay right here as they are using my garage as a shelter now."

Friesman, who has tried to get a Trap, Spay and Neuter program up and running for some time, said he was disappointed with contracted animal control services put in place last year by the municipality. He said, "I could have spayed or neutered a lot of feral cats for the money they spent on contracted services," But he said he was more than willing to put all that behind him and work with the municipality, for the good of the cats.

Friesman also said that he has a good rapport with the veterinarian clinic in Haliburton. "They helped me immensely with my kitties last year."

Friesman said he could not understand why the municipality had been dragging their feet for so long, particularly when the cost of a new shelter would be less than the cost of building a single garage. He also said he has some ideas on improving the design. "Cats like to roost on a shelf. The inside of the shelter could be set up with a number of shelves and nesting material. They like to be together and bundle up to keep warm, even if the building is heated."

As to the Tory Hill landfill location, Friesman said, "It's perfect. It is remote enough that it won't bother anyone, but isn't too far from my house. The cats like to hunt and roam and that is a relatively rural area so it would be great." Maybe, just maybe, a solution to this long-running feral cat problem might be found, at least in Highlands East. ■

Letters to the Editor Cont'd...

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for Bat Rabies.

The Ontario Public Health Unit asks veterinary clinics to provide yearly low cost Rabies vaccinations for those people who cannot afford to take their animal into a veterinary hospital. The government sets the fee, not veterinarians. Their intent is to ultimately protect humans from those dogs and cats that could contract Rabies from other dogs/cats or from wild/farm animals, particularly bats.

Dr. Sanio stated that "Now we hardly see Rabies in Ontario." In 2007 there were 106 positive cases of Rabies in Ontario; in 2008 there were 79 cases including dogs, cats, horses, cattle, foxes, skunks, and bats; and in 2009 to the end of Sept, there have been 40 cases of Rabies. While this may be a relatively small number compared to Asia or Africa, it still behoves us to remain vigilant and continue with prevention for the sake of human safety. There are likely many cases of animals with Rabies that simply die in the wild and we are none the wiser.

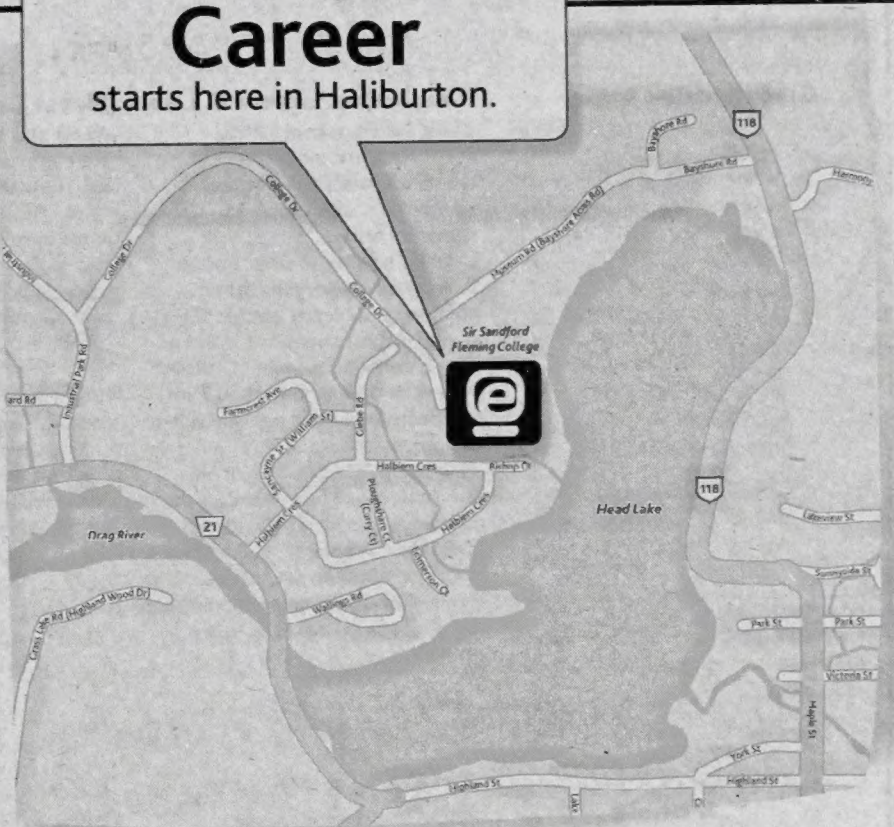
While I disagree with Dr. Sanio when she states that "Rabies clinics have no place in Ontario" and that "the only winners are the people giving the vaccine who are paid well", I do agree that we could be doing a better job at trying to educate the public regarding animal health. Thanks to an interview with Rick Lowes from Radio Canoe FM prior to the last Rabies Clinic, I attempted to inform people about Rabies vaccination and whether or not their animal required it. Unfortunately, not everyone listens to the radio or reads the newspapers and thus some people remain uninformed about the possible need for other vaccines, the benefits of sterilization, a regular physical examination, etc. Dr. Sanio's periodic column "What's Up Doc" in the County Voice attempts to educate people regarding veterinary topics. He comment regarding government-funded vouchers for people who are in financial need and who own pets sound interesting, but the government would first have to be convinced that pet health deserved their support before human health.

As a veterinarian who has done locum work at multiple veterinary clinics over the past 25 years, I have never worked at a practise that performed a Rabies clinic "just for profit". All veterinarians would obviously prefer to give all dogs and cats regular in depth physical examinations prior to giving a vaccination. However, this is the real world and when it comes to Rabies, human health trumps all. In response to Dr. Sanio's question at the end of her article, I believe Rabies clinics in Ontario ARE a public service.

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Joan Grant, AHT, DVM
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Services Training Officer Cont'd...

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(Stanhope, Dorset and Oxtongue)."

Hogg said that while each of the three districts had similar needs, there are always some variances between areas and it would be the training officer's primary responsibility to work with the training officers in the individual stations to increase their skill development.

According to Hogg, the position will also be involved in coordinating the fire fighters' participation in the Fire College training courses in Gravenhurst. "Hopefully this new position will be delivering some of their programs as well," Hogg said that the college has a program of associate instructors and there will be several associates within the department within the near future.

"We would hope that now there will be an opportunity to arrange for courses to come into the County which will be available to all of the fire departments in the County and surrounding area.

When asked if other fire departments across the County have a similar position, Hogg said that most have a training officer at each firehall. "The difficulty, he said, "Is when you have several halls and you are trying to coordinate training across the entire department."

Hogg confirmed that while the position will be posted internally, it will also be advertised. When asked if any of the existing members had the necessary skills, Hogg said, "It's hard to be specific. I don't want to either encourage or discourage anyone. We will have a refined job description ready for Council's review at the next meeting, as we want to ensure that we have Council's input as we get into this and then the position will be posted."

Hogg said that the Master Fire Plan Steering committee were familiar with the concept of the position and had been involved in the development of duties. "The bulk of the job description and duties are detailed in the master plan; now it's just a matter

of refining things."

As a result of Hogg's research into risk management strategies and tactics designed to improve on fire safety and reduce liability, Hogg was directed to pursue a master fire plan late in 2007 and, while at least one other plan has been completed in the County since that time, his department was the first to start the process. A Steering Committee, headed up by Hogg was established that included the CAO, two councillors (Carol Moffatt and Diane Griffin), the three District Chiefs and two representatives from the Fire Marshall's office.

The Steering Committee and a resulting working committee have been gathering information, consulting with the Fire Marshall's Office and preparing a Terms of Reference for Council's final review and adoption. Hogg said that the final plan will be based to some extent on a 10 step computer based template developed by the Fire Marshall's Office.

"It has been a very good and diverse working group," Hogg said. "We're three quarters of the way through the process and we hope that the final report will be ready by the end of the year. All of the research is completed and it's just a matter of prioritizing some of the findings and recommendations."

"It has been clear throughout the process that there was strong and often unanimous agreement among us on issues. All of the District Chiefs and fire fighters felt that increased training and adding a training officer to the department was one of the major recommendations. That is why we have acted on that particular recommendation even though we're still working on some of the other details in the plan."

Hogg said that the municipality plans to maintain all three halls. "They are well placed and in good condition," he said, adding that while there are always minor improvements to be made, the firehalls are in good shape.

Hogg said he would like to move on establishing this new position as soon as possible. He hopes to have the position posted in December and make a decision sometime in January.

In other fire department news, Hogg was pleased to say that he has Council's approval for a new mini pumper and a tanker which will be purchased and delivered next year. That and the new training officer will represent an increase in the department's budget and no doubt top the wish list that forms a part of every municipal departmental budget.

Hogg said he was very pleased to have the Council's support throughout the master fire planning process and that he couldn't say enough about the importance of having all of them involved. ■



HALIBURTON COUNTY

Recycling Guide

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CEWF and MP Barry Devolin Discuss the TSW

Liz Daniels
Staff Reporter

**"The process is slow, but we are getting somewhere."
(Chris Riddle)**

Chris Riddle won't hesitate to say that the government's position on the management of the Trent-Severn Waterway was not exactly what the Coalition for Equitable Water Flow (the Coalition) was hoping for. But that won't stop the Coalition from moving forward and working with all parties in efforts to ensure an integrated approach to future management.

Despite all of the Coalition's efforts to date, it is becoming increasingly clear that the group still has their work cut out for them. As the co-chair, a position shared with Martin Rist, Riddle said, "It is absolutely crucial for us to keep everyone engaged. We need to play down some of the recent hyperbole and get people to recognize that there are priority issues. And now is the time to deal with them."

The Coalition's mandate is to work towards the implementation of an equitable water management policy for the TSW that accords equal consideration, as well as fair treatment for everyone in the Trent River Watershed, while ensuring that reservoir and flow through lake communities are given the same consideration as all other TSW communities when it comes to safe navigation, access to waterfront property, economic sustainability and the avoidance of both environmental and economic impacts.

In keeping with that mandate, Riddle stressed the importance of dispelling some of the misconceptions that exist in terms of exactly what controls water levels, why they fluctuate and what could happen in the future. According to Riddle the main part of the Coalition's job is to communicate problems being encountered and look at what some of the solutions could be.

Members of the coalition recently met with Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock MP Barry Devolin to continue the liaison that they had been maintaining with him in the past, to stay engaged and further explore what their options might be. Riddle said that Devolin wanted to ensure that they are aware of ongoing issues and provide them an opportunity to outline the Coalition's outstanding concerns and what their members see as the most important priorities to address in the near future.

As Riddle said, the Coalition members are willing and able to work with all interested parties. Unlike some of the recent publically voiced opinions, he says the Coalition's executive does not attribute the government's response directly to Devolin. "This is Parks Canada's response as endorsed by the federal government." Riddle accepts that the government's response to the panel report on the TSW would not necessarily be the one Devolin would have given, particularly when it came to the Coalition's priority goal to have an independent water management agency established.

"The question we might ask," Riddle said, "is how much influence he (Devolin) has with his own government." Having said that, Riddle also said their discussions with Devolin gave a clear indication that he understood the significance of that key recommendation and, to the greatest extent possible, had been supportive of it.

Riddle said, "We have to recognize that he is part of a government that has chosen a different route. That has been difficult for him and we can't lay the blame entirely at his door." In Riddle's estimation, it is fair and appropriate to say that Devolin is working on everyone's behalf.

"The government has chosen Parks Canada as the lead responsibility with the approaches outlined in their press release."

Riddle said that it is now absolutely crucial to engage the province and get them to recognise the scope of the agreement that needs to be negotiated with Parks Canada. "The ball is back in Parks Canada's court to put pressure on the province and, while local MP's might not be directly engaged in that activity other than to monitor and watch, they may be able to influence decision making to some extent."

In discussion about the Trent Severn Caucus, which was established to try to coordinate some of the recommendations contained in the panel's report, Riddle agreed that they will have an opportunity to be influential even though they may not be involved directly in decision making either. "Typically the decisions are the responsibility of the ministries; the Ministry of Natural Resources for the province and Environment Canada for the federal government through Parks Canada."

"The concept of the caucus is a good one," he said, adding that the fact that the caucus was not limited to any one party was a very good signal. Having said that, Riddle also commented that the Coalition was somewhat disappointed as the Caucus appears to have met only once, although it was his impression that the caucus co-chairs (Devolin and Peterborough MPP Jeff Leal) do talk and intend to be more active going forward.

As to what the Coalition sees as the government's priorities, Riddle says that engaging the province and entering into a memorandum of understanding are at the top of the list. Other priorities appear to be hydro development throughout the system as well as establishing an advisory committee on water management. "We understand that will be more of a strategic/policy based organization that will meet a couple of times a year to provide advice to the TSW on all policy issues relating to water management."

When asked what part can the Coalition might be able to play, Riddle said, "We anticipate an invitation to participate on the TSW advisory committee and believe that will happen in this calendar year."

Riddle said that the Coalition had met with Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock MPP Rick Johnson to stress the importance of engaging the province. "We are also hoping to engage the person chosen by Parks Canada to lead the negotiations between the province and the federal government." He said that the Coalition would also focus on ministry staff and their discussion of the issues. "We're interested in ensuring that the scope of their discussions is adequate particularly when it comes to issues associated with the canal and the reservoir lakes."

The Voice also asked Riddle if he felt there was still any opportunity at this point for an independent water management agency. He said, "When you dig into the panel report, the key thing that underlies that recommendation is the need for an integrated approach to management of the water within the watershed. Our comment to (Devolin) was that if we can't get independent management we should at least get an integrated approach. When there are competing demands for water there is a need to have some organization that can deal with all of the various priorities in an integrated fashion."

"As the panel pointed out, one of the biggest problems is that the province issues permits for water without any way to monitor how water goes into the system either through controls or naturally. So the key thing is not so much an independent agency, but rather the underlying need for an integrated approach to issues like drinking water, infrastructure, navigation and safety,

not just along the canal but on the reservoir lakes as well; that they all be given consideration so that in extreme years there is pressure on authorities to determine what the best integrated approach is, not one that puts the canal at the top of the list without considering other priorities."

Riddle sees a lot of opportunity through the memorandum of understanding between the province and the feds to integrate some of those priorities. "In the long run that could best be done by an independent group as everyone else involved has a conflict of some form or another."

"As a first step, we would be happy to see an integrated approach to watershed management rather than canal management."

Riddle suggested that the province was organized in a way that places considerable emphasis on the natural environment and said it wouldn't be a stretch for them to look at things watershed by watershed. "Once the province becomes engaged they will naturally fall into that mode. That is why we want to focus on them becoming more engaged in the hope that their scope will be broad enough to cover all of these concerns."

Riddle said that the Coalition anticipates hearing any day about a seat on the advisory committee. He said, "We understand that the TSW wants the group to meet early in the New Year, so the committee will probably be established before Christmas."

Riddle summarized his comments by saying, "We think that at the present time the TSW is managing the system on a very outdated model or at least on a model that isn't fully capable of handling situations in years of extreme rainfall or drought. They need a more sophisticated model and if they fully recognize competing priorities over the next year or so, that will be a positive step."

Ending on a positive note, Riddle said "The process is slow, but we are getting somewhere." ■

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by Stephen Patrick

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Fay Wilkinson is a the co-ordinator and an instructor in the Expressive Arts Post Graduate Certificate program at Fleming College in Haliburton, a member of the Society of Arts in Healthcare, and the International Expressive Arts Therapy Association. She was for many years a leader in employee training programs in the business world, and as renowned and successful motivational speaker and trainer. "And then one day I realized that my career and business, successful though it was, had come to a point where it was really only about getting out of bed in the morning. And I realized I needed to make a change."

"I've been fascinated with masks and stories since I was a little girl growing up in Sunderland, in the north-east of England. I think I needed them for my own survival. I would visualize my stories, as a child, and imagine using masks in storytelling – we had no props, it was all in your own head, and other people probably thought you were mad, but there you are!"

When she left the business world Fay says she decided to follow "My true loves: fibre, masks, stories, and performance." She studied textiles at Sheridan College, mask making and performance with English Master Mask maker, Michael Chase, and eventually entered the Expressive Arts Post Graduate program at Fleming. "It was an extraordinary experience. The insights I gained, the knowledge I acquired and the incredible sense of community that developed will be with me always. I also realized there were times when I was doing expressive arts in my earlier training and consulting work without knowing that was what it was called. I am now honoured to be an instructor and the coordinator of the program."

The history of masks is old as civilization itself, and in fact there is scarcely a culture in the world that hasn't employed masks as a means to express the entire gamut of human emotions, from protecting against disease, to honouring the dead, to connecting to the spirit world. And, more prosaically, to release all kinds of inhibitions, emotions, and desire, as evidenced in 18th century masked balls in Britain, the elaborate Commedia del'Arte in Italy, and the scary and dangerous Mummings in the English countryside, and our own Newfoundland. "Masks have also been used for centuries for storytelling. And as a means of understanding oneself."

After settling permanently in Haliburton County Fay Wilkinson established her own organization called the Creative Cocoon, as well as the Eagle Lake Arts Retreat Centre. From there she offers expressive arts workshops and retreats, custom fibre arts, talks, workshops, celebrations and performances. And this fall she's headed up a fascinating and, perhaps, demanding initiative called the Visible Voices Program. In a Letter of Information for Participants, Fay wrote, "Visible Voices is about inviting seniors to play, explore and express in a supportive relationship through a variety of art making tools, for example, in the visual arts, music, sculpture, fibre/fabric arts, or storytelling and poetry. This is not necessarily about making works of art, but making the art work

and speak for us. Neither is it necessarily project based. Rather it is you who chooses the medium you are drawn to that will communicate thoughts, ideas and feelings the most clearly. You do not need to be an 'artist' to participate."

The program will also be part of a research component of Visible Voices jointly undertaken by Fay and Trent University, and co-ordinated by U-Links. "We are looking to see what happens when seniors connect through art making."

The program calls for nine volunteers to work with up to 13 seniors, and Fay Wilkinson seems uniquely suited to be the 'trainer' or mentor for the volunteers. "It will be, for certain, rather delicate work. I've done a lot of work in the past with women in transition, mature teenagers, at women's shelters and of course with business people, and a high level of trust must be established for a program to really work. I'm delighted that we've managed to find as interesting and committed groups of volunteers already for this program."

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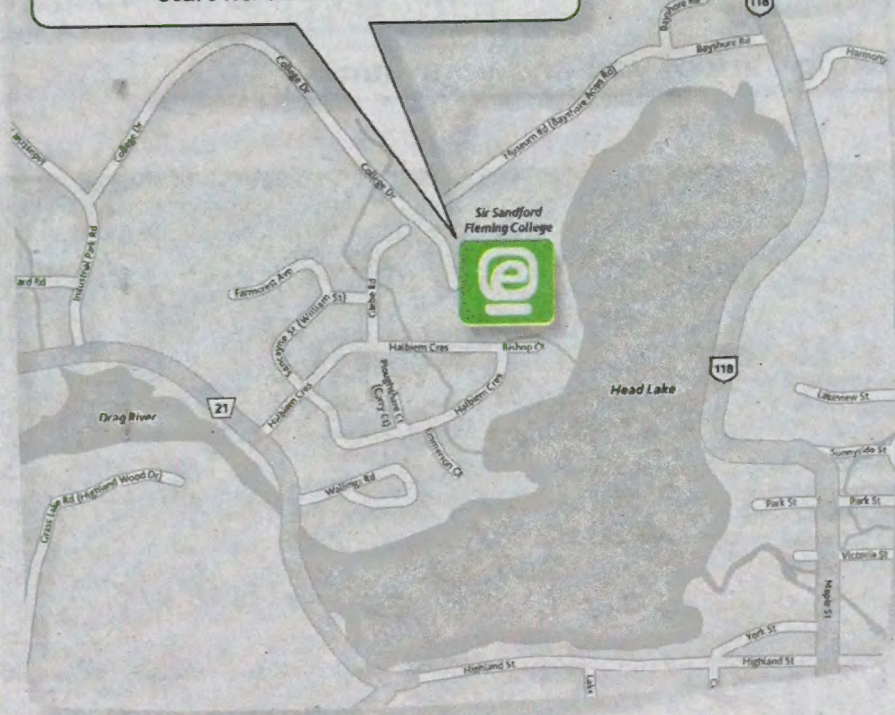
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Towering Over Dorset Delegations, the Dorset Tower & Public Meetings

"This tower is a gem, but sometimes a gem needs to be polished." (Jan McDonald)

Liz Danielsen

Staff Reporter

Last week the Algonquin Highlands Council had a visit from Jan McDonald, the Chair of the Algonquin Development Corporation and Dorset Tower Coordinator Barb Kostenuk. McDonald had a number of ideas to pitch to the Council including a proposal to paint the Dorset Tower, to enhance signage in the community and holding a community or Town Hall meeting.

"As you know, the tower 'towers' over the Village and is an important part of the community," McDonald said. She stressed the tower's importance as a tourist attraction for all of Algonquin Highlands, the County and even the province but suggested that the highly regarded tourist destination is getting a bit tired looking and could use some improvements, along with improved signage that would provide direction and support for both the tower and the Dorset Museum.

Recognizing the present economy and the challenge of finding dollars to improve tourist establishments, McDonald offered the Cooperative's assistance to seek out funding. She said that she had already held discussions with the representatives of the Haliburton County Development Corporation, who steered her towards FedDev Ontario and the Southern Ontario Development Program (SODP).

As the next SODP project completion deadline is March 31st of 2010, a difficult deadline to meet, it was McDonald's idea that cost estimates and plans for improvements to the Tower (paving, painting, landscaping and signage) be prepared now in preparation for the next intake. She proposed a partnership between the Cooperative and the Municipality to put a package together, detailing the costs, and statistics of the number of people who visited the tower.

McDonald said, "The Coop would like to support a proposal and application and would be pleased to support or help you in any way we can, but we would like to work under the umbrella of the Township. This tower is a gem and sometimes a gem needs to be polished."

McDonald also outlined a number of ideas for signage in the community. She suggested a large map for the recreation centre of a size similar to the Snowball festival sign. It was McDonalds thinking that an 8' x 8' map on the centre would draw visitors in and they could pick up brochures for both the museum and the tower.



that had been available for the area, and said they had decided to give that a shot.

As time had been of the essence McDonald spoke directly with Reeve Eleanor Harrison and, partnering with the Dorset Museum, an application for signage and a mural was submitted with a heritage focus. "We would like to give the entire Village a face lift. We couldn't just look at the Muskoka side; it has to be the whole Village and Muskoka was very supportive of that." She added that the Cooperative executive had passed a motion approving a contribution of \$500 towards the signage.

The third topic on McDonald's list of things to discuss was a community meeting, primarily to bring residents up to date on the

G8, but to include a number of topics. As well as the impact of the G8, the list of agenda items included the heritage proposal and facelift to the community, tower funding and plans for improvements, an e-learning network, a library update and maps for the Village. McDonald said that the community was anticipating a lot of visitors to Dorset and the tower as an international showcase during the G8 and they wished to be prepared.

Harrison commented that the Council was very aware of the importance of the tower and the fact that it was in need of some tender loving care. She said that the Council had maintained an extremely tight budget for 2009 and had been faced with making a number of snap decisions on grant applications for projects. "It's been a stretch for us to come up with our portion of the funding in some cases and now we'll have to remain on hold until we have the budget figures for next year to discuss."

Harrison suggested that, with Council's agreement, they could prepare for the next intake of applications and would decide on the amount of funds that could be made available during budget deliberations. "We'll be taking our first crack at the budget either in December or our first meeting in January."

Councillor Don Shortreed commented that rust had run down the tower, but that it was not harmful. He also suggested that it would be a very costly endeavour to paint the 82 foot structure, something that has never been done.

Councillor Carol Moffatt voiced her surprise and disappointment that Council had not heard anything about the Dorset heritage proposal and mural as she and Councillor Diane Griffin are on the museum committee. McDonald, who confirmed that the proposal had been discussed at one of the meetings, advised that the proposal had been submitted through Lake of Bays. She said, "There was no structure for us to make a G8 proposal. We decided we should feature our best side, which is our heritage." According to McDonald they had applied for three murals overall and were anxiously awaiting a response.

McDonald said, "Huntsville has a number of Group of Seven murals and we would also like to establish a Group of Seven tour. We plan to rebuild a gazebo, do some planting, place seating and tie the whole theme in with navigation and the lumber industry."

When Moffatt asked, "Is there a reason why this Council was not aware of this?" Harrison confirmed that she had been aware of the application, but said there had only been a three day turnaround and most of the proposal surrounded Muskoka. She said, "G8 funding does not require matching funds. Jan was aware that she would need approval if murals were to be put on Algonquin Highlands' buildings, but she couldn't get our approval and still make the turnaround time."

Deputy Reeve Tom Gardner suggested that it would be difficult to discuss so many topics at a public meeting when the G8 alone could take hours. McDonald, however, said that the Coop had already committed to a community meeting. "We owe it to the groups that we partner with, but if there is a need to pare down the agenda we will."

There was some discussion about the most appropriate time for the meeting; some feeling sooner would be better and others thinking that the meeting should not be held until early April. Harrison commented that the G8 security team had suggested holding meetings in Dorset and Oxtongue when more information was available.

This is a meeting that will likely prove to be absolutely key for the area given the upcoming G8 and Council passed a resolution agreeing to work together with the Cooperative to prepare the community for visitors. ■



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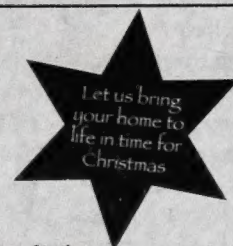
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Kennisis Lake Association Receives \$40,000 Boost

Liz Danielsen

Staff Reporter

**"We have a
jewel in Kennisis
Lake." (Jim
Prince)**

The long arm of justice can take quite a while, but in the case of fines donated by the Kennisis Lake Cottage Owners Association (KLCOA) it has been worth the wait.

It all started in 2002 when the Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO) launched an investigation into what they described as construction of an aerodrome development on Kennisis Lake. Despite having received fish friendly designs from DFO, William Michael Montgomery & Frances Marion

McQuestion proceeded with an alternate construction method that resulted in an infill of fish habitat. The pair were convicted and fined a total of \$45,000 for disruption or destruction of fish habitat and ordered to remove the structure along with any associated construction materials.

At the request of DFO, the court ordered that \$40,500 of the fine be turned over to the KLCOA to carry out fish habitat improvement projects on the lake. Last week the County Voice spoke with Jim Prince, the Chair of KLCOA's Lake Plan Committee, about the their plans for those improvement projects.

According to Prince, Montgomery and McQuestion claimed that they had a float plane and by that fact alone, federal regulations allowed them to build a hangar. "It turned out that they didn't have a float plane at all. Our lake steward of the day saw the damage being caused to shoreline habitat by concrete and a pressure treated wooden ramp." Prince said that the lake steward contacted DFO and it has taken since that time to investigate and resolve the matter.

"The good news is that the laws have changed allowing the majority of the fine to go toward the preservation of shorelines or for other environmental projects."

Prince said that their plan includes a number of guiding principles and action plans that, because the funding wasn't available, they have so far been unable to act upon. "Now we will be able to tackle some of those projects."

Prince said that a sub-committee will meet and propose which projects have the highest priority. "We have a number of projects in place already and have been doing shoreline advisor visits in partnership with the Lakeland Alliance to discuss how to improve water quality and aquatic plant protection. There are also a number of damaged areas around the lake where boats are launched that can use some restoration."

Under Lakeland Alliance's Shoreline Advisor Program, a qualified Shoreline Advisor will visit a property at the owners request and provide advice and guidance on shoreline naturalization, erosion mitigation, best management practices for septic systems, pollution prevention, invasive species and fish and wildlife habitat enhancement.

The property owner can determine exactly what aspects of their property they want addressed and at the end of the visit they are given a list of recommendations and the names of local service providers that can help with the work. The program is free, voluntary, non-regulatory and strictly confidential.

Prince said that their preferred approach is overall stewardship and communication around shoreline protection. He also said there is a need for better signage and several boat launches need a bit of massaging to avoid further deterioration. As they are municipal/public access points, Prince said that the municipality has given approval to have these locations assessed by a shoreline advisor.

Coincidentally, the Lake Planning Committee got its start in 2002 as well. Prince said that for many years the lake had been blessed with hundreds of acres of open shoreline and lot of wilderness along the west shore, but a road was eventually put in and development quickly followed considerably restricting areas for outdoor activities.

Prince said that around that time there had been a bit of movement in Ontario to develop lake plans and many lake associations were starting to work with municipalities on issues like shoreline protection, boating issues and water quality. The idea of a Lake Planning Committee was pitched to the KLCOA, and the planning process got underway.

After a lot of hard work and discussions with members, the community at large, and the municipality, a vote was taken and, after some tweaking, consensus was reached on the plan.

Prince said, "Since then there has been wide acceptance of the plan and it has been considered by some to be the gold standard for the province." Prince says that he is delighted that the KLCOA have also been instrumental in both the County and Dysart including shoreline protection in the draft amendments to their Official Plans, when to date they had both been almost silent on the subject.

Unlike this particular incident, when it comes to some cases of damaged shorelines, Prince said, "Sometimes people just don't know and we have to give them the benefit of the doubt. Some of the money would be well spent making sure we reaching more people on the lake about the importance of preserving the shoreline, and how to go about doing that."

Prince said, "Flying over Haliburton County you can see that Kennisis or Redstone or any of the lakes in the forested area all have shorelines that are green with conifers, but as you get to Maple and Beech and into Boshkung there is a lot of grass and the quality of the water in the lakes changes significantly. We have a jewel in Kennisis; the water is clean because we're surrounded by forest. It is a blessing for us and we're trying hard to maintain it." ■



Police Reports

Search Warrant Executed in Bancroft

On the 17th of November 2009 Members of The Provincial Weapons Enforcement Unit, Drug Enforcement Unit, Tactical Response Unit and members the Bancroft OPP Detachment attended 62 Sprucedale Street in the Village of Cardiff to execute a Criminal Code Search Warrant. The accused Mark ROBBINS and an adult female were located inside the residence along with two young children. Mark Robbins was arrested and charged with:

Production of a Controlled Substance (Marihuana)(Cannabis Resin) CDSA 7(1) x 2
Unauthorized Possession of a Firearm CC 91 (1) x 2
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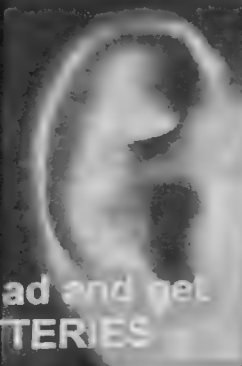
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Lila Cooper, Haliburton

Yes I love how the weather has been recently; I could put up all the Christmas decorations outside without the hassle of the snow. It was good for the Santa Parade too, it did rain but at least it wasn't cold. I do like the snow don't get me wrong, especially for Christmas, now that the decorations have gone up I'm ready for it!



Millie Dayne, Eagle Lake

I like how the weather has been we get so much snow there is no hurry or rush for it. I've never had a green Christmas and I don't think I would like it my son snowmobiles so he loves the snow. I like it too, it's beautiful but I wouldn't worry me if it holds off for a little while longer. It's not hard to get in the Christmas spirit without it, it's still fun.



Roger Danilko, Minden

No I hate this weather, the rain sucks, it doesn't even feel like winter. If I wanted warmth I would go somewhere tropical, we used to live in the snowbelt! At least when it snows we can work with it, I'm a logger so we depend on the frost to freeze up the ground, the rain doesn't help at all.

Earthweek: A Diary of the Planet

By Steve Newman

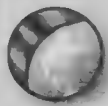


Postwar Deformities



Doctors in the Iraqi city of Fallujah are calling attention to a spike in birth deformities, which are up to 15 times higher than before the American invasion in 2003. The city was also the site of a fierce campaign to oust militants two years later. Some doctors say that depleted uranium used in artillery is the likely cause. A group of British and Iraqi medical experts alerted the U.N. last month of the upswing in birth deformities. They said that 24 percent of children born at the city's general hospital in September died within seven days. Three-quarters of them had deformities such as two heads, no head, a single eye or missing limbs. During August 2002, only one of 530 children born there died, and only one had deformities. The group urges that toxic materials used by occupying forces be cleaned up, including the depleted uranium and white phosphorus.

Ozone Hole Alert



Authorities in the southern Chilean outpost of Punta Arenas issued a five-day alert for dangerously high levels of UV solar radiation passing through the Antarctic ozone hole. The Ozone Laboratory at the University of Magallanes said that the progressively higher sun angles as summer approaches and a peak in ozone depletion passing over the southern tip of South America would combine to create the danger. People were advised to limit exposure to the sun, use sunscreen and wear protective sunglasses while outdoors. The stratospheric ozone hole over Antarctica has recently developed an elongated shape, allowing its edges to pass over populated areas of southern Chile and Argentina as it spins and undulates.

Crash Landings



Wildlife experts on New Zealand's South Island first scratched their heads when they heard reports of migratory birds crashing onto roads and smashing into buildings. Park Ranger Mike Morrissey on the Kaikoura Coast, near Christchurch, said it was soon discovered that the Hutton's shearwaters were being confused by bright lights. "It varies a lot. We've had up to 50 odd in one night," he told the Australian Broadcasting Corp. Experts say the once-rural area is being developed with new buildings and more bright lights, causing confusion for the birds. When roads become wet and lights shine on them, the birds mistake the pavement for a pond or bay. Morrissey says most of the birds are fortunately only stunned or knocked out by the crash landings. But they need a steep cliff or watery surface to take off. Residents are being urged to take the stunned birds to the coast and launch them over the water.

Tropical Cyclones



Cyclone Anja became the season's first named storm in the western Indian Ocean and quickly intensified to Category 4 force. But it weakened even more quickly as it encountered cooler waters to the south. Outer bands of Anja brought gales and heavy rainfall to Rodrigues Island, about 100 miles to the west of the storm's center.

Earthquakes



A moderate tremor centered near the coast of western India's Maharashtra state caused residents to flee buildings as walls cracked. As many as 39 homes suffered heavy damage as the shaking was felt as far away as Mumbai.

• Earth movements were also felt in central New Zealand, Albania, northern Chile, Costa Rica, western British Columbia and Southern California's Mojave Desert.

Drought Migration



The worst drought in Somalia in a decade and other hardships have killed large numbers of livestock and forced a mass migration of farmers into the area around the port of Berbera. The drought was followed by heavy rains that caused deaths due to disease and flooding. The refugees join a large population of urban poor that lost their animals years ago and took refuge in relatively peaceful Somaliland, a break-away section of Somalia.

Simian Justice



Police in the Indian state of Orissa are responding to complaints of domestic violence that have been filed by concerned villagers on behalf of a female monkey and her newborn. Asian News International reports that residents near Bhubaneswar complained to authorities that the male monkey, called Raja, had been consistently trying to attack the female monkey, Jhumri, and its child, Astaranga. Police say the aggressive primate had already allegedly killed one infant of its species and was now taking aim on Astaranga. The authorities say that if captured, Raja will be prosecuted under three sections of the Indian Penal Code that deal with kidnapping, abduction for slavery and criminal intimidation by anonymous communication. There was no mention of what sentence Raja could face if convicted.

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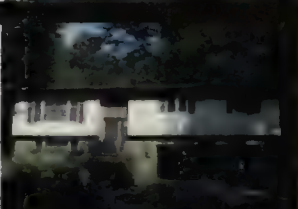


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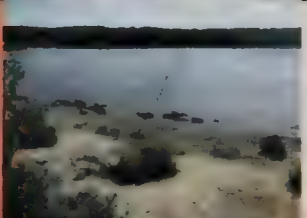


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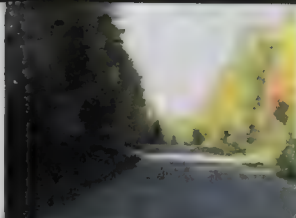


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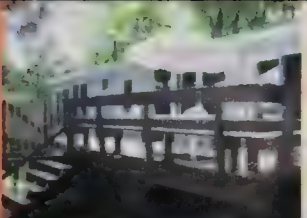


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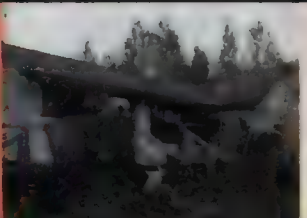


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SIRCH Thanks the Community for its On-going Support

"Once the leaves go away, that's the real Haliburton County" said MPP Rick Johnson at the Chef of the Month finale hosted by SIRCH Social Marketer Nancy Brownsberger. Community members came together last Friday, November 20th to recognise the support over the last year that the community has lent the Chef of the Month program. Poverty rates from 2008 for Haliburton County are staggeringly high, over double the 16 percent Ontario average. "That results in 50 percent of our schoolchildren coming from impoverished backgrounds and that doesn't even cover preschoolers" said a impassioned Brownsberger. The cottage county we all live in is beautiful but cottagers and the county's own residents often simply don't see the overwhelming numbers of working poor. The SIRCH Chef of the Month program has been a resounding success however, by throwing the spotlight on a central facet of rural poverty, i.e. how to feed your family on a few dollars a day.

But the Chef of the Month program wasn't just created to bring awareness about an on-going issue. It was also created to educate residents who wanted to change their lifestyles; to become healthier and help stretch their budget. Michael Rowell, who lives with his wife in Haliburton, attended many of the Chef of the Month's. "My wife and I are both pre-diabetic now that I'm retired and we rely on just my wife's income. I wanted to learn how to stretch our money and cook healthier. I couldn't attend all of the events but I could pop down to SIRCH who had the recipes from each month and collect them. They also handed out the recipes in a booklet today so that's great." SIRCH eventually handed out 540 copies of the recipe booklet, and Rowell said the program certainly him to eat healthier on less money. He said that he "learnt how to shop for cheaper food, to buy items that are reduced for that day, freeze it the same day so nothing is wasted. They also taught you to always read labels to see if the product is nutritionally valid." Rowell is a perfect example of how a simple initiative can make a difference on someone's life and more importantly on their health.

Brownsberger also congratulated the tireless support of the community and the 12 chefs who committed their time to the project. She said that after working at SIRCH for almost a year she was "still astounded and amazed by the residents of Haliburton County and what they could do as a collective effort." Rosie Kadwell, public health dietician from the Haliburton Kawartha Pine Ridge Health For Life Unit, added that "there are a lot of great programs in Haliburton County. If we all work together and keep it up, we can make great improvements." Kadwell explained to everyone that "In order to eat a healthy, well balanced diet a family of four would need to spend \$174.60 per

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week. This was based upon average grocery prices across the county and all basic low cost foods. That results in needing to find \$25 a day; however, many families at the Community Action Program for Children (CAPC), which is part of SIRCH, can only budget for \$6.50 once their rent and utilities are paid for, so clearly they cannot afford to eat healthily." Furthermore according to Canada's food guide, families need to spend \$7.26 a day on milk products alone for a sufficient calcium intake. "Due to the higher prices of milk products, families turn to pop or water, which is obviously less healthy." She added that "every person has a right to healthy food" and that "social assistance rates are not meeting the cost of living, these are things however that we can advocate for."

MPP Johnson was emphatic that education was the key to "break the vicious cycle of poverty. If kids arrive hungry at school they'll be less able to concentrate and succeed at school, if they are given a decent breakfast each morning that will increase their chances of bettering their future, as they'll be able to succeed at school more easily." He also added that he "endeavours to listen to people in the community and the conversations of young people. I feel honoured to have this position." He ended with saying "what can I do to help?"

Brad Archer, the head chef from the Mill Pond, said that the challenge for him was "an eye-opener, I don't shop much so when I went out to price the food I was way over budget with my original meal idea. I didn't know that poverty levels were that bad here."

Brownsberger told the audience "that the 2010 challenge will be opened up to the whole community to help change the situation in the county and any businesses or individuals that want to help out get in touch." She spoke about the current community kitchen and that "the more volunteers they receive, they can expand and deliver meals to more people". The morning ended on a positive note, something that Nancy Brownsberger and Rosie Kadwell were adamant to leave as a reminder of the success of the program.

SIRCH will be holding a Christmas Gala at the Minden Community Centre on Friday, November 27th from 6.30pm to 11pm. It will also celebrate SIRCH's 20th Anniversary. Feast on appetizers and sip drinks whilst doing some Christmas shopping. ■

Zoe Cittern

Staff Reporter



L-R, MPP Rick Johnson, Brad Archer of the Millpond Restaurant, Nancy Brownsberger of SIRCH and Rosie Kadwell of the Health Unit.

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Moments in time

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On Nov. 26, 1922, cartoonist Charles M. Schulz is born. In 1947, Schulz began drawing a comic strip for the St. Paul Pioneer Press called "L'il Folks," featuring Charlie Brown and his gang of friends. In 1950, after several rejections, Schulz sold syndication rights to United Features, which renamed the strip "Peanuts."

On Nov. 27, 1095, Pope Urban II makes perhaps the most influential speech of the Middle Ages, giving rise to the Crusades by calling all Christians in Europe to war against Muslims in order to reclaim the Holy Land. Between 60,000 and 100,000 people responded to Urban's call to march on Jerusalem.

On Nov. 28, 1914, the New York Stock Exchange reopens for bond trading after nearly four months, the longest stoppage in the exchange's history. The outbreak of World War I in Europe forced the NYSE to shut its doors on July 31, 1914, after large numbers of foreign investors began selling their holdings.

On Nov. 29, 1942, coffee joins the list of items rationed in the United States. Rationing was generally employed to guarantee a fair distribution of resources and to give priority to military use. All together, about one-third of all food commonly consumed by civilians was rationed at one time or another during the war.

On Nov. 30, 1954, the first known modern instance of a meteorite striking a human being occurs at Sylacauga, Ala., when a meteorite weighing 8.5 pounds crashes through the roof of a house and into a living room, bounces off a radio and strikes a woman on the hip.

On Dec. 1, 1913, the Ford Motor Company introduces the continuous moving assembly line. Ford's new assembly line could produce a complete car every two-and-a-half minutes, allowing the company to sell cars for less than any competitor

On Dec. 2, 1975, Ohio State University running back Archie Griffin becomes the first player in history to win the Heisman Trophy two years in a row. In the 1976 NFL Draft, he was the first-round draft choice of the Cincinnati Bengals.

On Dec. 3, 1947, Marlon Brando's famous cry of "STELLA!" first booms across a Broadway stage, electrifying the audience during the first-ever performance of Tennessee Williams' play "A Streetcar Named Desire." When the curtain went down on opening night, the crowd erupted into a round of applause that lasted 30 minutes.

Local Haliburton Artist to Showcase at Art Gallery in New York

Zoe Cittern
Staff Reporter

It was certainly a surprise to Bill Wilson also known as Roger when he found out that his paintings will be shown at the Agora gallery in New York, New York, next year in October. Not only did he think that he wasn't ready for such a prestigious gallery but he wasn't even aware that his work had been nominated, so when Bill's wife, Laura "started jumping up and down" he knew that something exciting had happened.

"My wife handed me the acceptance letter, it was a nice surprise. I didn't think I was up to par for that kind of gallery yet so there didn't seem any sense in sending stuff to New York." However Laura had confidence in him, so she decided to send photos of his work and his artist statement to galleries, including the one in New York. "I just think he so ready" spoke Laura, "I figure you might as well send your paintings to the big guys if you think you are adequate enough so I kept submitting his work to galleries in the hope of someone noticing how great his work is."

The Agora gallery will be an excellent place for Bill to show his work. He explains that "you get a lot of coverage there; it's centrally located in one of the most significant art districts in the world. Being selected to show at New York has been a real boost for me, the Chelsea district where the gallery is, is a hub of art. They show some of the best artists in the world; it's amazing that I'll be showing there."

Laura continues to send his portfolio to galleries. "The more his art is exposed the better. Kim McBrien from the Haliburton Arts Council has given us a lot of encouragement and has guided us through the process of sending Bills portfolio away and what paintings we should select to show etc."

Bill has another career milestone coming up: next February 25th-28th his paintings will be hung next to some of the most distinguished and established Canadian and international artists at the Toronto Art Expo. This is a huge accomplishment for someone who has only been painting professionally since 2001.

Before painting Bill was a professional drywaller, who explained about his first career; "I had four children



at a young age and I had to support them through a decent job so there wasn't any time to be painting. Although I've always been creative and playing the guitar and writing poetry were my outlets." While he was drywalling Bill would often create designs on the walls with plaster, but admits "what I do now is a step up but with better tools and materials." He still uses dry-walling materials such as knives, tools and house paint brushes along with acrylic oils, watercolours and varnishes to create his paintings which make them so unique and visually stunning. "I'd say my work is very different to anything that I've seen out there, the method is different too." Bill primarily paints abstracts which he has always been interested in: "I've always leant towards abstract art, even before I knew what abstract was, I started painting in the traditional way of landscape painting. I felt though that the better I got at landscapes the more it began to look like a photograph, it just seemed that you might as well take a photo, it wasn't an adventure for me anymore." Bill trained at Georgian College in Barrie and once he had completed his three years they moved back to Haliburton, where Bill and Laura run Artists Choice, a framing and fine art supply shop.

Bills passion for the creative has never withered. He explains that, "if I didn't have anything else to do I'd do it all of the hours of the day, sometimes I wake up in the middle of the night and go to work in my studio." Bill draws his influence from his parents who were also creative: his father was a guitar teacher and his mother, a wildlife artist. He takes inspiration from places around him and nature, "I look at things around me like oil on water and frost; a lot of my paintings come from my sub-conscious too and I'll just start painting."

A selection of Bill's paintings are held at Artists Choice in Haliburton, a lucky chance to see captivating and unique art that has quickly moved up the ranks. ■

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Red Hawks Winter Sports Roundup

Matthew Flowers
Staff Reporter

With hockey already under way, the winter sports season has begun at Hal High. Here's a preview of the rest of the sports starting this month.

Boys Basketball

The senior team consists of several players that head coach Roland Zilla has overseen since grade nine. With such familiarity between the players and coach, the team is in good shape to play competitively and achieve success on the hard court.

"The key is how well we control the ball," said Zilla. "We must limit the turnovers if we want to have any success. We want to ultimately qualify for a Kawartha berth."

The team is led by captains Luke Watson and Jesse Walker, both voted in by their fellow teammates and by Zilla and Assistant Coach Walter Tose. Watson and Walker will be joined by Andrew Elia, Caleb Zilla, and Adam VanNood as part of the starting lineup. Zilla expects contributions from the entire team for every game of the season.

"No one's riding the bench," said Zilla, "everyone's on this team because they can play."

The Hawks will take part in the annual Red Hawk Classic on Friday, an exhibition tournament, while the regular season starts on Tuesday, December 1st.

Juniors

The junior squad had a successful season last year, going all the way to the Kawartha AA Finals. Head Coach Paul Longo looks to build off that success this year with a team eager to learn and to improve.

"Our goal is to play hard and to learn," said Longo. "We'll be a competitive team to play against this year."

The team consists of 13 players, with another four on the practice squad, slightly over half of which are grade 10 players. Many grade nine students showed up to tryouts for the team this time around.

"We kept some grade nine's around on our practice squad so they can develop their game," said Longo.

The Hawks will look to use their speed to generate an electric offence. During a practice, Longo stressed to his team the importance of quick transition basketball.

"Our number one offence is the fast-break," Longo explained to his squad.

The juniors will also take part in the Red Hawk Classic on Friday.

Wrestling

Ever since breaking out on the scene at Hal High over six years ago, wrestling has been a popular and successful sport for the Red Hawks. Coaches Paul Klose and Dan Fockler have both been there from the beginning, and once again, have a solid contingent to work with this season. The team consists of 42 wrestlers all eager to grapple their way to OFSAA.

The squad this year consist mostly of junior players, though there are a few returning veterans such as Christianna Walker, Nicole Mazara, and Mikaela Charlabois, all of whom are looking to get back to OFSAA this year.

The team takes part in their first tournament of the season today at Hal High, starting at 10:30.



Girls Volleyball

The senior squad is made up of mostly Grade 12 students, with only four of 14 players from grade 11. Though the team has been finalized, Head Coach Caley Sisson said that only 12 players will be dressed per game, so spots will have to be earned on a game-by-game basis.

"The players will earn a spot to play based on performance and attendance to practice," said Sisson.

Sisson is looking for consistency over anything else this season, as well as playing a successful 5-1 system. This is where a team has five attackers and one setter on the court. The setter is responsible for setting up one of the attackers, ideally for a spike situation.

The regular season will be played out entirely on the road—the senior squad will not have a chance to play at home unless they qualify for Kawartha's, a tournament Hal High will host this year.

Juniors

Popularity for a sport can vary from year to year at Hal High—this season, while the seniors had 18 students tryout, the grade nine girls came out in droves to tryout for volleyball. Added on top of the grade 10 students, a whopping total of 43 showed up to tryout out for the junior team, of which Head Coach Brett Caputo kept only 14.

"I couldn't believe the number," said Caputo. "I even held a morning session one day, and over 30 showed up, which I certainly wasn't expecting."

Given the excess amounts of hopefuls and limited gym space, Caputo was forced to make several cuts before a final team was named. He finally settled on a team of 14, saying he increased the size of the team from 12 for injury or absentee reasons.

Because roughly 60 percent of the team is made up of grade nine's, the season will be about developing volleyball skills and playing hard in a league that can field some very strong and skilled teams.

Senior coach Caley Sisson was quick to point out that many of them played on the junior field hockey team, a squad Sisson coached to an undefeated season and a Kawartha Championship. With proven winners already on the squad, playing hard will not be an issue for this team. ■



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Red Hawks Dominant in a Blowout Win

(But Stiffer Competition is on the Way)

Matthew Flowers
Staff Reporter

Expecting a more competitive match, the Red Hawks hockey team instead ran away with an easy 9-0 win over the Lakefield Tigers. Brett Yake led the way in the goals department with a hat-trick to go along with one assist, while brother Brand Yake had two goals and an assist. Ashton Haley was an offensive dynamo all game long, scoring twice and adding three assists. Paddy Manuge picked up the shutout for the Hawks. Greg Clements and Carson Roberts also scored for the Hawks.

"We just had more depth," explained Coach Ron Yake about the win. "They really only had one line, while we have three strong lines that can really skate."

Thanks to that depth, the Hawks' constant pressure quickly wore out the Tigers. The Red Hawks were winning the foot races to every puck, keeping forechecks alive for so long that Hawks goaltender Manuge had long stretches without a puck even 50 feet from him.

Despite the lack of offense for Lakefield, Manuge made some nice saves to preserve the shutout. His best save of the night came early in the first period. A Tigers forward picked up the puck in the slot with not a single Hawks defender between him and the net. The player snapped a wicked wrist shot towards the top right corner, but Manuge took a butterfly stance and whipped out his glove, robbing Lakefield of their best chance for a goal. Coach Yake said that they'll be rotating between Manuge and fellow Hawks goalie Alex Monk Cray throughout the season, as both are capable senior goaltenders.

The Hawks got out of the gates quickly, scoring four in the first period alone. Brett Yake got things rolling off a pretty 2-on-1 play, finishing off a sweet pass from Ashton Haley. The Hawks ran into a bit of penalty trouble in the first, but the Tigers couldn't set up the powerplay thanks to solid defence—blocking passes, clearing pucks, and getting into shooting lanes. Brandon Yake took advantage by scoring shorthanded, proving Lakefield was not even safe with the man advantage.

The Hawks game plan for the night was evident early in the game—use their speed to gain the offensive zone, take shots when a lane is open, keep the offense alive by controlling the boards. The Hawks succeeded on all fronts. Haliburton peppered the Lakefield goaltender with shots from all angles, jumping on any rebound and keeping chances alive with hard work down low. The Hawks scored several garbage goals in the game as a result. The speed and the effort by the Hawks entertained a loud crowd in attendance.

"We're an exciting team to watch," Yake acknowledged. "We have good puck control. The team is proud of their ability to play a team game."

After scoring three more goals in the second period to make it 7-0, the Hawks decided to play a far more defence-oriented game in the final frame.

"We thought it was a good opportunity to try out the trap system," said Yake. "Though it's sometimes hard to get guys to slow it down," he added with a smile.

The Hawks added two more in the third period, while Lakefield had more chances as a result of Haliburton's slowed offence. Manuge stopped everything he saw, controlling rebounds while his defence kept the front of the net clear of any Lakefield players.

The Hawks have outscored their opponents 17-1 in their first two games, but Yake is quick to point out that it is not indicative of a dominating season.

"It's a good start to a young season, but we'll get our first real test on Thursday when we travel to face Fenelon Falls," said Yake. Fenelon Falls is a Triple-A school that has dressed strong teams in the past.

Haliburton's next home game is on Monday, November 30th at 7:15 when they take on Holy Cross. ■



Highland Storm Atom AE Wins Again

Submitted by Karena Crofts, Manager

The Highland Storm Atom AE team (sponsored by The Peppermill) had only one game this weekend on Sunday November 22nd in Minden against Gravenhurst. The Storm was not playing up to par in the first period but still managed one goal. By the middle of the second period the Storm boys had found their pace and settled in for a good hockey game and outplayed Gravenhurst. Both teams had short benches with just nine players each, neither therefore having two full lines. The Highland Storm goalie, Anthony Bertucca managed to keep the winning score to 4-1 for the Storm. Another hat trick was had by Alex Wilbee, and the other goal was scored by Devyn Prentice. Assists were by Greg Crofts, Owen Smith, Carter O'Neill and Jack Dobie. There were also strong games by Jake Bull, Ryan Prentice and Trevor Turner. Keep up the great team work and sportsmanship. Our last regularly scheduled home game for 2009 will be on Saturday November 28th in Minden against Port Carling: after that for 2009 the rest of our games are away.

The Highland Storm Atom AEs will be hosting the two day Silver Stick Tournament (coordinated by Wade MacInnes) Dec 5 and 6/09 at the Haliburton Arena (the PeeWees will be at the Minden Arena). There will be seven other teams attending from Lincoln, Dundas, Prince Edward County, Norwood, Acton, Thorold and Oro. Games begin at 8am and are played hourly thru to the last game scheduled at 7pm. The Atom AEs play at 10am, 2 and 6pm Saturday. Winners will move onto the finals on Sunday starting at 8am and running every one and a half hours until the last game scheduled at 3:30pm. So come out and see some good hockey. Thank you for your support. ■



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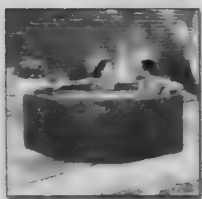
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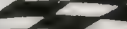
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ASES Students Receive Recognition for Fundraising Efforts

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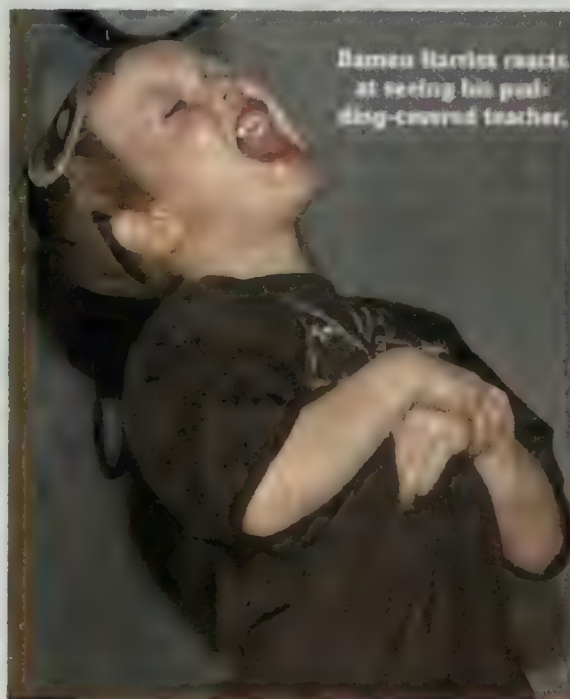
ASES began hosting its Terry Fox run five years ago, the students have amassed over \$27,030 for cancer research.

The second assembly held during last period also recognized student efforts, but the atmosphere took on a zany and light-spirited atmosphere. The magazine sales finale has traditionally been a crazy and fun gathering to celebrate the conclusion of the school-wide program designed to finance special events, enriched opportunities and provide specialized equipment for ASES students. For decades, school staff members have volunteered for, and endured comical indignities at the hands of top student sales people to inspire enthusiasm, and this year was no exception.

Administrators, teachers, educational assistants.



**Rob Parish,
flaunting
his pink
nail polish**

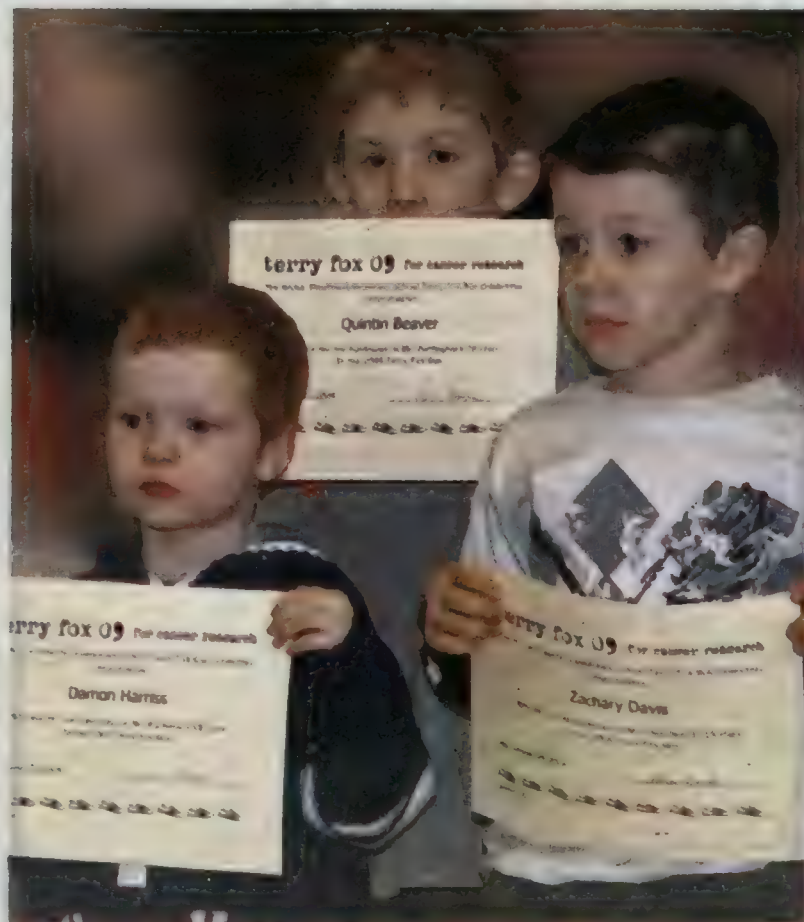


Dameon Harless reacts at seeing his post-dig-covered teacher.

custodial staff and student leaders all did their part, no group was immune. As the assembly progressed, each in turn was slathered with pudding, covered in pie, painted with nail polish and subjected to a variety of entertaining situations in the name of school spirit. Student co-prime ministers, Chris Hall and Nichole Honderich each took a pie in the face in solidarity with principal, Joan Harpell. The kids loved it, and the school community is better off because of the efforts of everyone involved, the students, staff and members of the community who support the program by purchasing their magazines from the students.

Student awards and prizes were presented to the top sellers, Alex Litwin, #1, Savannah McAusland #2 and Braydin Hollows #3. The kids raised just over \$25,000 in total this year, one-third of that will stay in the school. A good portion of the

money will be used to purchase more smartboards and projectors for classrooms. Next year will mark the 25th anniversary for magazine sales at ASES; organizer Kathy Adams is already concocting shenanigans for the quarter century celebration. ■



Some of the Terry Fox fundraising winners are pictured above. They are Damon Harriss, Quintin Beaver and Zachary Davis.

Buy One Get One Free Offer at Subway a Major Success

By Zoe Cittern

Peter Shah's fears were washed away on Monday when he soon realised that his promotional offer of buy one sub get one free was hugely popular. Shah had been very concerned that conducting the offer in the winter months wouldn't be as popular. He was certainly proved wrong by the sheer volume of traffic that passed through the Minden and Haliburton stores: at one point customers were lining up outside the doors of the Haliburton store.

Along with his friend and business partner in Haliburton store, Mehul Patel, they collectively decided to bring back the promotional offer after seeing the success of it last May and knowing it would benefit

a good cause. Twenty five percent of all sub sales on the day from both stores were donated to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation (HHHSF) to benefit the Health Care and Hospital Facilities in Haliburton and Minden. Dale Walker, executive director of HHHSF, said that "the money will go towards the ceiling lifts at the health services." She commented that "it seems to be just as busy as the last year; lots of high school and college kids are coming in." Peter Shah added that "it did turn out busier than it was last year." Paul Rosebush, CEO of HHHS, said that "it was so generous of the business partners" and that "it was great to come down to the Haliburton store to see the response to it as well."

Almost a third more Subs were sold over the last event in May 2008, and as a result \$2,100 will be donated to the Hospital Fund, which represents a \$600 increase from the last event. Peter Shah said that "I'm very happy we've had so much good support from the community and I really want to thank everyone who came out and helped the cause." ■



Top -- From L-R: Kanchan Marathe, Paul Rosebush, Brandon White, Mehul Patel, Peter Shah, Julie Patel, Alex Fiffon and Dale Walker all came together to raise funds for the Health Care and Hospital facilities in Haliburton and Minden on Monday of this week

Left: Don Poppell, Dale Walker and David Zilstra buy a lunch.

Right: Peter Oyler with Subway owners Peter Shah and Dipa.

Below: Dale Walker and Peter Oyler enjoy their subs



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Highlands East Strikes a Deal with Community Care North Hastings

Liz Danielsen

Staff Reporter

Gord MacDonald says that turnaround is fair play. At least those were his comments at the end of a pitch to the Highlands East Council at their November 2nd meeting. MacDonald is the Executive Director of Community Care North Hastings (CCNH) and, accompanied by his Board Chair Hugh Baker, he approached Council for financial assistance to continue providing wheelchair accessible transportation for seniors.

While CCNH has been offering service to some Highlands East residents for the past twenty-eight years, financing the program continues to be a challenge for them, and MacDonald proposes to expand the bus service to include the general public.

"We need more sustainable dollars," he said. MacDonald proposed to utilize provincial gas tax rebate dollars to subsidize the public transportation system. He advised Council that, while he continues to seek out other sources of funding, he has been approaching all the municipalities involved in their program, asking them to consider a joint application with one municipality (Bancroft) taking the lead.

In Highlands East this transportation program, along with a number of other services, is provided primarily to the Cardiff/McGillivray and Wilberforce areas. MacDonald reviewed a breakdown of rides provided over the past two years and the details of revenue requirements from the eight municipalities partnering in the program (including Carlow/Mayo, Hastings Highlands, Faraday, Wollaston, Limerick, Bancroft and Tudor and Cashel.)

MacDonald reported an annual contribution of \$22,665 to Highlands East for their services. That contribution, over a fifteen year period, along with contributions provided for an additional thirteen years of service without the Handi-bus, equalled a total contribution to the Highlands East area of over \$500,000 without any requests for financial assistance from the municipality.

In addition to giving their support to CCNH to access gas tax rebate dollars, MacDonald asked the Council to consider an annual contribution of \$6,057. He suggested that, with a small increase in the fee per trip charge from \$11 per ride to \$15, the annual contribution could be reduced to \$4,057 or, as an alternate, he suggested that Council consider a special levy to Cardiff/McGillivray Road area residents to cover the annual contribution.

MacDonald was also clear that CCNH relied on continued funding through Community Futures which is only guaranteed for the next three years. He advised Council that the municipality's contribution could increase if that source of funding is lost but committed to conducting a comprehensive review of the services provided and associated costs during that three year period.

"We will come back with the actual costs of running a public transit system. The figures will be more accurate and we'll be in a better position to say what funding is available at that time.

CAO Sharon Stoughton-Craig asked for assurances that there would be no crossover of responsibility with services (or associated funding formulas) offered out of Haliburton.

Stoughton-Craig said, "It makes sense for us to utilize the service out of Bancroft, but Haliburton won't want to give up part of their territory." While Council was in agreement with the common sense approach of utilizing the service out of Bancroft, given that most Cardiff residents prefer to travel to the Bancroft area, there seemed to be some confusion about what was actually available to Highlands East out of Community Care Haliburton.

Council considered the suggested increase to \$15 in the fee per trip charge, which according to MacDonald is the maximum charged in any other area. Deputy Reeve Jim Mackie was concerned about increasing the fee, given that a lot of seniors are on a very low pension. He said, "We need this service, but it would take as much as 16 percent of their monthly income for rides alone, so wherever possible we should try to keep the rates as low as possible."

After a bit more discussion, Council agreed that 'turnaround was fair play' and they were being offered a good deal, particularly as the service had been provided for over 28 years for free.

Two resolutions were passed, one approving an annual contribution of \$6,057 to support the transportation program and supporting Bancroft taking the lead in applying for the provincial gas tax rebate and a second resolution authorizing a one time \$4,000 contribution towards the acquisition of a new bus. ■

Youth Unlimited Looking to Make Lasting Partnerships

By Matthew Flowers

Youth Unlimited, a Christian non-profit organization that looks to develop a sense of community for youth, held a breakfast on recently at the Victoria Street School for local businesses interested in learning more about the organization. As part of a greater organization that has over a hundred satellite locations across Canada, Youth Unlimited started up in Haliburton four years ago and has developed more and more as years gone by. Now, the group gathers at Victoria Street School, where youth can come and take part in activities, games, and most importantly, enjoy a comfortable setting with others the same age.

Youth Unlimited Director of Haliburton Highlands Jamie McMahon envisions great things for his branch and hopes to create meaningful partnerships with local businesses.

"Everything is free for the kids," said McMahon, "and in order to provide the activities we have in store for them, we need the sponsors to help us out."

The breakfast – put on by McKeck's – was served at 7:30, followed by a presentation from McMahon outlining the purpose of Youth Unlimited and the role sponsors can play in creating opportunities for the youth who take part. Activities range from video games and karaoke at the Centre to taking part in such events as wakeboarding and ball hockey tournaments. None of these would be available without the donations of local sponsors.

Providing games and activities allow kids not only to have fun but it also allows the youth grow respect for oneself and others, according to McMahon. In addition, because Youth Unlimited is a Christian based organization, time is set aside to connect with their spiritual side.

"As youth initiates the spiritual side of things, we'll discuss how we'll go about it," explained McMahon. "Whether it's reading a passage from the Bible, or just talking as a group."

Though Youth Unlimited only serves Haliburton, McMahon hopes to expand across the county, creating what he calls a "mobile youth centre," and setting up another centre in Minden. Given the growth in its first few years, it isn't hard to foresee such an expansion.

The organization began at Stuart W. Baker Elementary School four years ago. Because school ended at 1:00 pm, and the school buses did not arrive until 3:00, kids needed to have something to occupy their time. In came McMahon, bringing sports equipment to start a sports program at the school. The program expanded until a centre was made at Victoria Street School in November of 2007, where there is now a regular drop-in time between 1-3 pm, Monday to Friday. In addition, the Centre holds two Friday night timeslots to accommodate older youths – 3:30-6:00 for youths aged 10-13 years old, and 8:00-10:30 for 14-20 year olds. So far, the centre has seen as many as 50 kids show up.

"It's amazing what even 10 minutes playing pool with others can do for these kids," said McMahon. "We had one kid who wouldn't say two words to us, but eight months later, he's engaging in conversations with our staff."

For more information, you can reach Jamie McMahon by phone at 854-0401. You can also check out more about the organization by going to www.youthunlimitedkaw.com. ■



Dear Abby
by Abigail Van Buren

WAGGING TONGUES DAMPEN THRILL OF MOTORCYCLE RIDE

DEAR ABBY: I am a 45-year-old single woman. My best friend, "Gavin," and I have known each other since I was 3. We were raised together and consider ourselves like brother and sister. We have always had a strictly platonic friendship. Gavin is married to a wonderful woman, "Evie," who is also a friend of mine.

Until recently, Gavin and Evie took frequent trips on his touring motorcycle. But because of a physical disability, Evie can no longer ride with him. Gavin's police department recently held a charity motorcycle ride to a state landmark two hours away. Evie suggested I might enjoy going along and experiencing what a ride is like. I did, and had a wonderful time. Since then, I have learned that several people have been spreading rumors that Gavin and I are having an affair because I was seen on the motorcycle with him. Evie says not to worry about it, but my feelings are hurt, and I feel my reputation is being tarnished. Why can't friends go on a motorcycle trip without rumors being spread? And how do I handle this? – UNEASY RIDER IN MYRTLE BEACH

DEAR UNEASY: In a community where small minds dwell, there is always a rumor mill and gossips who make assumptions about things they know nothing about. How to handle it? Hold your head high and ignore it.

DEAR ABBY: My adult siblings and I need some help. Our mother insists year after year that we "kids" celebrate their anniversary in a big way. We don't mind recognizing their achievement – this year will be their 45th – but we don't feel it should be our "responsibility" to throw a party or host a big night out. Mom expects it for every anniversary, birthday and holiday. A simple card or phone call is not acceptable. Not everyone is available on their anniversary this year and the guilt has begun. We're all married with our own families and schedules. We feel an anniversary should be a celebration for the couple and by the couple. Are we "bad children" because we resent having to do something each and every year, for each and every event? – TUCKERED OUT IN MARYLAND

DEAR TUCKERED OUT: No. But because a pattern has been established, your mother isn't going to be happy hearing you want to change it, so be prepared. Approach her as a group and tell her you'll be sending flowers for their anniversary from now on because you're all saving up to throw them a 50th.

DEAR ABBY: I work in a busy hospital with many patients from other countries. Our volunteer office collects magazines to distribute throughout the hospital for patients and visitors. Please encourage your readers to donate magazines in English as well as any other languages that are spoken in their communities. These can help to ease the endless hours of waiting that inevitably occur. Thanks, Abby. – EMILY P. IN HOUSTON

DEAR EMILY P.: You're welcome. And chemotherapy and dialysis centers would also welcome magazines for patients to read while they are being transfused. These are excellent ways to "recycle."



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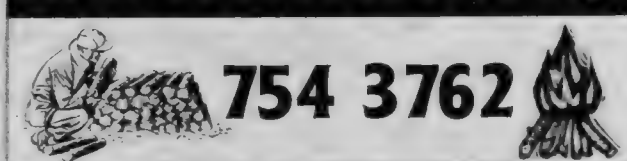
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It's in the Stars

BORN THIS WEEK: You have a way of bringing your own strong sense of reassurance to others and encouraging them to hope.

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) That change in holiday travel plans might be more vexing than you'd expected. But try to take it in stride. Also, it couldn't hurt to use that Aries charm to coax out some helpful cooperation.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Your Bovine determination helps you deal with an unforeseen complication. And, as usual, you prove that when it comes to a challenge, you have what it takes to take it on.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Although a romantic theme dominates much of the week, all those warm and fuzzy feelings don't interfere with the more pragmatic matters you need to take care of.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Best not to ignore those doubts about an upcoming decision. Instead, recheck the facts you were given to make sure nothing important was left out. A weekend surprise awaits you.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) No time for a catnap — yet. You might still have to straighten out one or two factors so that you can finally assure yourself of the truth about a troubling workplace situation. Stay with it.

VIRGO (August 23 September 22) News from an old friend could lead to an unexpected (but nonetheless welcome) reunion with someone who had once been very special in your life. Be open to the possibilities.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) It might be time for a family council. The sooner those problems are resolved, the sooner you can move ahead with your holiday preparations. Don't let the opportunity pass you by.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Take some time out to give more attention to a personal relationship that seems to be suffering from a sense of emotional neglect. Provide that much-needed reassurance.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Cheer up. That unusual circumstance that might faze most people can be handled pretty well by the savvy Sagittarian. Look at it as an opportunity rather than an obstacle.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Someone you believe has hurt you in the past might now need your help. Reaching out could be difficult. But the generous Goat will be able to do the right thing, as always.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Prioritizing is an important part of your pre-holiday scheduling. Try to give time both to your workday responsibilities and those personal matters you might have neglected.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) With the vestiges of your anger about that painful incident fading, you can now focus all your energy on the more positive aspects of your life, including that personal situation.

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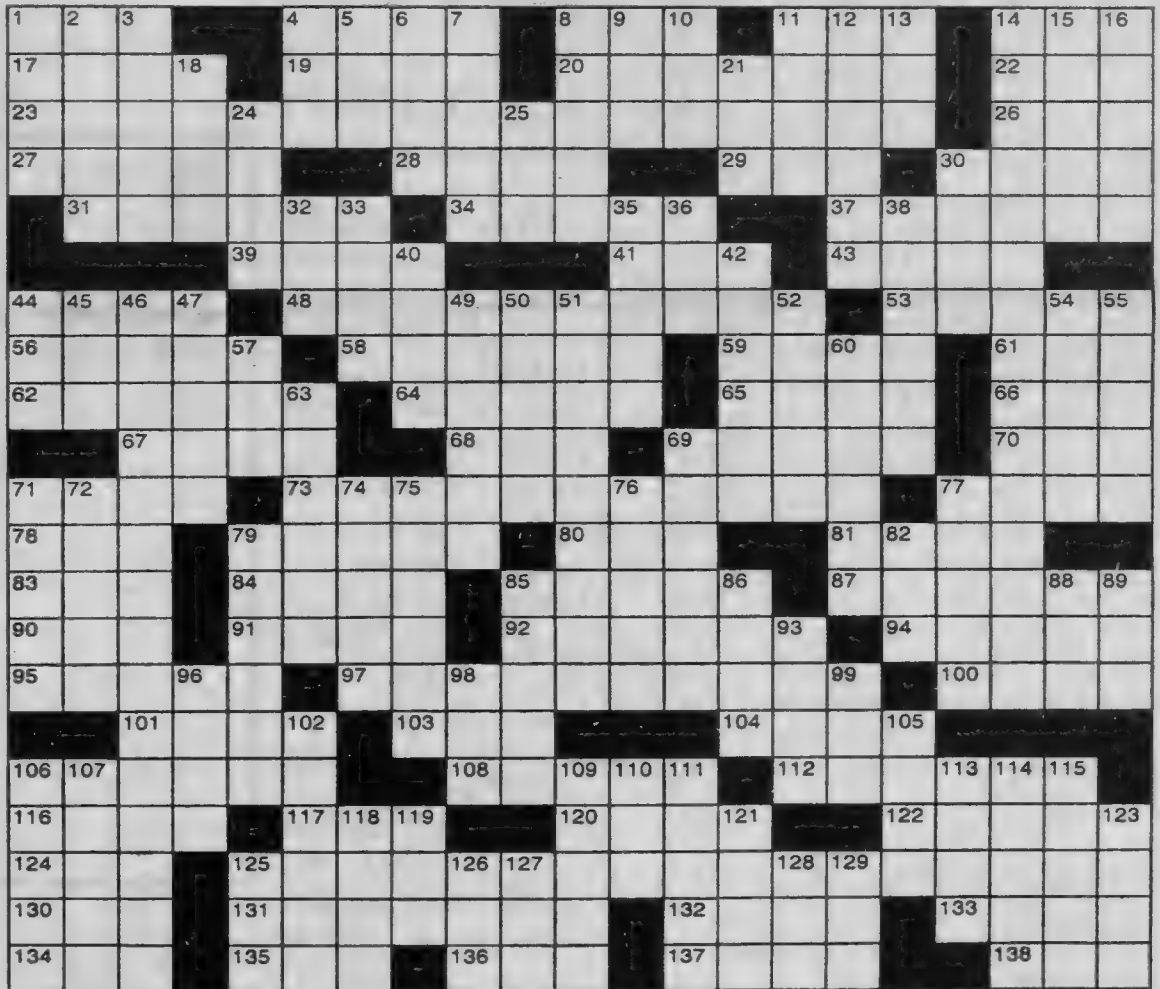
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- 13 Where the gulls are
- 14 Fred Astaire film
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- 18 Served well
- 21 — nutshell
- 24 Article
- 25 Permit
- 30 Word form for "great"
- 32 Mythical bird
- 33 Chilly powder?
- 35 Alcohol base
- 36 "— volente"
- 38 He's a menace
- 40 Author Martin
- 42 Aviatrix Earhart
- 44 Cover
- 45 Palindromic dictator

- 46 Nicolas Cage film
- 47 Colorado resort
- 49 Entry point
- 50 "— say more?"
- 51 Baseball's "Hammerin' Hank"
- 52 Tom of "State Fair"
- 54 Worth or Dunne
- 55 Extend a subscription
- 57 — offensive
- 60 Arthurian island
- 63 Mrs. Ivanhoe
- 69 In a reliable manner
- 71 Midas' sin
- 72 Boring thing
- 74 "— Comes Mary" ('66 song)
- 75 Heavyweight Sonny
- 76 Yiddish automaton
- 77 "— Dogs" ('71 film)
- 79 "Cabaret" setting
- 82 Scottish cap
- 85 — Carlo
- 86 "— forgive those ..."
- 88 Yoko —
- 89 Tie the knot

- 93 Head set?
- 96 Keen
- 98 Bannen or Ballantine
- 99 Puppy bark
- 102 Smoothly, to Schubert
- 105 Spelunker's spot
- 106 Beyond zealous
- 107 Stomach
- 109 Manhandled
- 110 Campbell of UB40
- 111 Gate feature
- 113 Interstate exit
- 114 Cutter kin
- 115 Rush to the judge
- 118 With 41 Across, summer quencher
- 119 Officer's appellation
- 121 Andrew of "Melrose Place"
- 123 Don Juan's mom
- 125 Fix a fight
- 126 Velvet feature
- 127 Former Pontiac model
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- 129 "Tell — About It" ('83 song)



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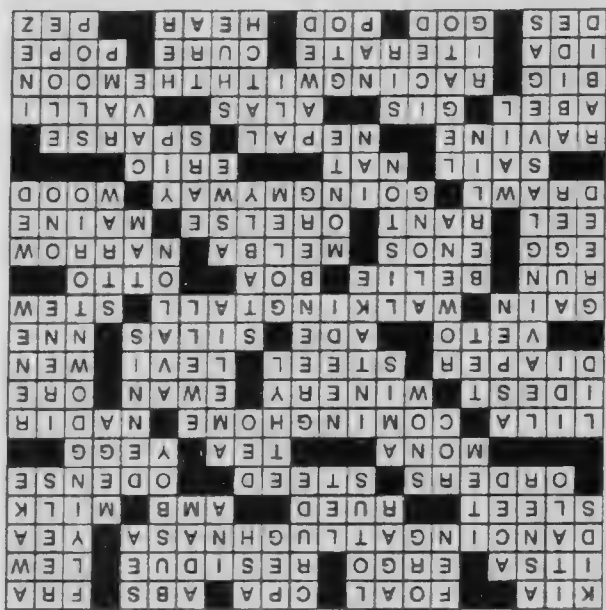
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Passed away peacefully at the Ross Memorial Hospital, Lindsay on Friday, November 20, 2009 after a battle with cancer. At the age of 61.

Glenn was a licensed Automotive Service Technician and a licensed Truck and Coach Technician for over 34 years.

Beloved son of Albert and Nelda Yakeley of Minden, father of Shane, brother of Daryl of Barrie and predeceased by his brother Neil (1967). Dear uncle of Shawn and Tanya (Dave), nephew of Gordon and Elva Paisley of Minden, and Diane Yakeley of Whitby. Fondly remembered by his family and friends.

Jean Corbisier

Passed away peacefully at the Extendicare, Haliburton on Saturday, November 21, 2009. At the age of 90. Beloved wife of George, dear mother of Andre (predeceased), Diane, Roger, Paul and step-mother of Irene, Shirley, Marriett and George (predeceased). Loving grandma of Debbie, Miranda, Jason, Stuart, Andrew, Heather, Billy, Paul and 7 great grandchildren. Dear sister of Doris and Cecelia. Fondly remembered by her nieces, nephews, family and friends. The family would like to thank the Extendicare Staff for their care and support.

DEATH NOTICES



June Mathews (Resident of Haliburton, Ontario)

Peacefully with her family by her side at Extendicare-Haliburton on Tuesday November 17th, 2009 in her 73rd year. June is survived by devoted husband Phillip, her children Tony, Alison (Jim) and Terri (Brian) and grandchildren Heather, Kristin, Jack and Annie.

Celebration Of Life

A celebration of her life will be held on Saturday afternoon, November 21, 2009 at 3:00 p.m. at 118 Pine St. Haliburton. We welcome everyone to attend in bright colours as per June's wishes. As expressions of sympathy donations to the Parkinson's Society or Extendicare Proud Pioneers would be appreciated by the family. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the **HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME** 13523 Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario (705) 457-9209.

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In Memory Of

In Loving Memory of our dear parents
Maurice Windsor who passed away November 15, 1987,
and Blanche Windsor who passed away December 16, 1983.

Your presence we miss
Your memory we treasure
Loving you always
Forgetting you never

Garth and Helen Windsor

In Loving Memory of Mel Smith – November 23, 2004

In life we loved you dearly; in death we do the same. We had no warning that day, that we wouldn't see you again. It broke our hearts to lose you, but you didn't go alone, a part of us went with you, the day God called you home. You left us beautiful memories, your love is still our guide, and though we cannot see you, we feel you by our side. Our family chain is broken and nothing seems the same, but as we're called one by one the chain will link again.

Loved and missed so much;

Brian, Mike, Chantel, and Meagan Smith.



Peter W. Hoad (Formerly of Haliburton, Ontario)

In Toronto on November 16, 2009 in his 95th year. Beloved husband of the late Joan Hoad (nee Vallance). Loving father of Simon (Miriam) of Thunder Bay, Jonathan and Anna both of Toronto. Fondly remembered by his granddaughter Shivaun. Dear brother of Tony Hoad of England. Predeceased by his brother Jack. Also lovingly remembered by many nieces and nephews.

Graveside Service

A Private Graveside Service will take place at a later date. Interment Mount Pleasant Cemetery, Toronto. As expressions of sympathy donations to the Haliburton Highlands Guild of Fine Arts Guild (HHGFA-Rails End Gallery) would be appreciated by the family and may be arranged locally through the **HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME** 13523 Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario (705) 457-9209.

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Quibell

In loving memory of dear husband "John" who passed away November 25, 2005.

Remembering you is easy
I do it everyday
But missing you is a heartache
That never goes away
If I could have a lifetime wish
A dream that could come true
I would pray with all my heart
For yesterday and you

*Forever in my heart
Your wife Barb*

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Darlene Norma McElwain (nee Kuehl) (Resident of Haliburton, Ontario)

Darlene Norma McElwain (nee Kuehl) of Haliburton passed away on Saturday, November 21st, 2009 at Extendicare in her 77th year. She was the Daughter of the late Voilet and Alexander Kuehl, Wife of Wilson F. McElwain of Haliburton, Mother of Gerald & (Jill) McElwain, Kim & (Rocky) Roberts, Charlene & (Deeno) Pearsell and Peter & (Nancy) McElwain, Grandmother of Jeremy, Ryan (predeceased), Jake, Abbey (Charlie), Andrew (Rebecca), Lesley and Wendy and Great-Grandmother of Ella (predeceased), Cameron and Caitlyn. Sister of Howard, Wayne, Donna, Lorraine and Kevin. Predeceased by sisters Shirley, Sharyn and brothers Murray and Karl. She is remembered by many nieces and nephews.

Memorial Service

Respecting Darlene's wishes there will be no visitation however, a Memorial Service and Reception for family and friends will take place on Saturday, November 28th, 2009 at 11:00 a.m. at the **HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME** 13523 Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario (705) 457-9209. Interment later Emmanuel Baptist Church Cemetery Killaloe, Ontario. As expressions of sympathy donations to the Canadian Diabetes Association would be appreciated by the family.

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cover letter to Point in Time
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Parents. Send to P.O. Box 1306,
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by Friday December 6th, 2009.
(NovD)

HELP WANTED - Seeking
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submit resume in person at 114
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white paws and chest, free to a
good home. Call 705-454-1594.
(NovD)

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month plus utilities. Call 705-
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(NovD)

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metal as well. (TFN)

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Pregnancy Care Centre, 187
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Help Wanted

Coming Events

EVENT - St. George's Anglican
church Youth Group will be
hosting a "Mario's Spaghetti
Dinner", Friday November,
27th, 2009 at the church in
Haliburton. Two sittings: 5p.m.
and 6:30p.m. Families (Mom,
Dad and children up to 12
years) \$28.00, single tickets 12
years and older, \$12.00 each.
For more information, call
Sylvia Claridge at 705-754-
1193 or the Church office at
705-457-2074. (NovD)

Coming Events

ANNOUNCEMENT - YWCA's
Archie Second Hand Boutique
at Archie Stouffer E.S. is now
open Thursdays from 1-5p.m.
and Fridays from 1-5:30p.m.
Donations are welcome at the
YWCA office at 11 Bobcaygeon
Road in Minden. We are still in
need of steel clothing racks, winter
clothing items and books, suitable
for all audiences, for a new book
exchange program at the store. For
more information please call Laura
Redman at 705-286-1942 ext.14.
(NovD)

COOKIE WALK - Haliburton
United Church, Saturday December
5th, 2009 10:00a.m. to 1:00p.m.
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No Rain on This Parade: Weather Holds off for Haliburton's Annual Santa Claus Parade

Mini horses, a goat, Elvis on in-line skates and a jail-bird all collected at Haliburton United Church parking lot last Friday evening. It wasn't a scene out of the twilight zone: in fact they were all there to take part in Haliburton's Annual Santa Claus Parade.

Floats from Todd's Independent Grocer, the Haliburton Army cadets, Crimestoppers, Haliburton United Church and Lakeside Baptist, Haliburton Skating Club, Haliburton Nordic Skiers, Heritage Ballet Nutcracker, Pinestone Resort, Sparkles Cleaning business, JR's Hylands Pleasant View Acres miniatures and many more celebrated the upcoming holiday season and put a smile on everyone's face. Though it was a cold night everyone seemed excited to take part and travel on the floats, which ranged from the exuberant and wacky to the imaginative and simple. You didn't need a mode of transport to take part and some groups it was a necessity not to; including the mini horse gleaming lights and tinsel. ■



See more pictures next month in the Christmas Edition of the Highlands Communicator



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H1N1 Immunization Clinics Available For All

The H1N1 vaccine is now available at community clinics for everyone six months of age and older. The Haliburton Highlands Family Health Team and the Haliburton Family Medical Centre will be conducting the next H1N1 immunization clinic for the County. It will be downstairs in the Family Medical Centre today from 4pm until 7pm. Residents should bring their Ontario health card and/or drivers license with them. Do not come if you have sensitivity or allergy to eggs, fish or Thimerosal. Anyone with these sensitivities or allergies will not be receiving the vaccine at these clinics. Please make an appointment with your family physician or nurse practitioner to discuss the H1N1 influenza vaccine.

Clinics will also be running in December; in Wilberforce at the Lloyd Watson Centre, Country Road 648 on Tuesday, December 1st from noon to 6pm. In Haliburton at the Royal Canadian Legion, Mountain Street on Saturday, December 5th from 10am to 2.30pm. In Minden at the community centre, 55 Parkside St on Monday December 7th from noon to 5pm. ■

December 4, 2009 is the First Annual ROSE CAMPAIGN NATIONAL LOBBY DAY - Talk To Your MP About Violence Against Women

This year, the Rose Campaign is adding a national lobby day on Friday, December 4th, 2009. It's a day to talk to your MP about violence against women.

Talk to Your MP on December 4

Many MPs are in their constituencies on Fridays, and it's possible to see them or talk to them in their local constituency office. To participate in the Rose Campaign National Lobby Day to End Violence Against Women, call your MP's local office and book an appointment to visit or a phone call for December 4, 2009. If you don't have contact information for the constituency office, you can find it at this link by inserting your postal code:
<http://www.parl.gc.ca/common/index.asp?Language=E>

What can you talk about?

This year's Send a Rose to Your MP email campaign messages are to save gun control and invest in housing. These are timely issues to raise in addition to any local issues. Bill C-391, which would remove rifles and long guns from the registry, passed second reading and is in committee. We want to influence MPs to vote against it. The 2009 "Stimulus budget" saw the first major investments in housing in many years, and these need to continue. Talking points on gun control are attached including a list of Liberal and NDP MPs to lobby who voted for Bill C-391. Information on housing is in the Life Beyond Shelter attachments, discussed below.

The local YWCA policy paper, Life Beyond Shelter: Toward Coordinated Public Policies for Women's Safety and Violence Prevention contains extensive recommendations for federal government action in five areas:

- Poverty
- Housing
- Legal Reform
- Life in the North
- Barriers to Access Faced by Marginalized Women

For more information, please contact Laura Redman at 705-286-1942 ext. 14 or lredmanywcahal@bellnet.ca ■

Let everyone know what's happening.... advertise your upcoming event here!!

The Minden Health Care Auxiliary's

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Highlands Wind Symphony

Christmas Concert



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Sunday, Dec. 6 – 3pm

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CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

at Our Lady of Fatima Church,
Main Street, Minden, 11AM to 1:30PM

Featuring our fabulous homemade soup, sandwiches, goodies, bake table (including our Tortier pies), 50/50 draw, doorprizes and country bucket auction - \$5.00 - preschoolers free (snow date November 28, same time)

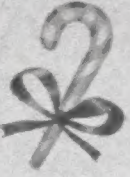
Wee Care will be having our Annual Christmas

OPEN HOUSE

on Wednesday, December 2nd
from 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
this will be open to the public.
We will be having tree trimming crafts, snacks, Christmas carols and pictures with a Special Visitor, copies available for a minimal fee.



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December 1st to
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St. George's Cantata Choir

With Guest Reader Joan Cameron and Guest Cellist Bethany Houghton present

A Christmas Festival of Readings & Carols

Sunday December 13th at 4:30p.m. at St. George's Anglican Church
617 Mountain Street, Haliburton

No seating tickets necessary this year. Come early to obtain your choice of seats. We encourage children 6 and over with adult Supervision. Nursery available.

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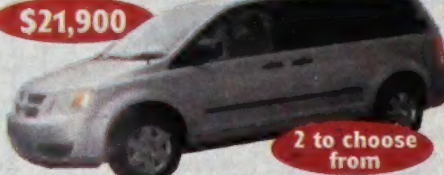
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